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## NEWSWATCH

### 4 killed in shooting

KARACHI, July 8, (AP): Four people were killed today when rival student organisations opened fire at Karachi University, police officials said.

One of the dead was a police officer who tried to end the three-hour shooting spree. Hospital officials said another 13 people were treated for bullet wounds.

The clash erupted between the student wings of the Pakistan People's Party and Muhajir Qaumi Movement, which represents Indian immigrants who fled to Pakistan at the time of partition in 1947.

"This morning the university looked like a battlefield," said an unidentified witness, who reported students had taken up positions and "fired at each other indiscriminately."

Authorities indefinitely closed the Karachi University following the shooting.

### Boat capsized

NEW DELHI, July 8, (UPI): A ferry boat capsized on the rain-swollen Ganges river in northern Uttar Pradesh state, killing 10 people and leaving at least 25 others missing and feared dead, the Press Trust of India said today.

The accident occurred yesterday when the swift current in the rain-swollen Ganges overturned the crowded boat near Farrukhabad in Uttar Pradesh state, 170 miles southeast of New Delhi, the news agency said.

Rescue workers recovered 10 bodies and divers were searching for another 25 people, who were missing and feared drowned in the river that is venerated as holy by Hindus, a district magistrate said.

About 10 passengers escaped by swimming to the river bank, the report said.

### Border issues

NEW DELHI, July 8, (KUNA): India and China have expressed their firm determination for an "early settlement" of the complex border question and have decided to take concrete steps to diversify trade and expand trade, scientific and technical exchanges.

Official sources said today that these decisions and new "confidence building arrangements" were finalised to push the process of normalisation to relations between the two countries at the just concluded first meeting of the Sino-Indian joint working group on border and annual level consultations between the foreign offices of both countries in Beijing.

### Ritual murder

MONROVIA, Liberia, July 8, (AP): Liberia's defence minister, his wife and seven other people have been accused of slaying a young policeman and using his heart and other organs in black magic rituals, the Justice Ministry said.

The case against Maj. Gen. Gray Allison, his wife, Angelina, and the others was outlined in a three-page statement issued yesterday by Jenkins Scott, the Justice Minister of this West African nation.

Scott said all would be formally charged with murder, with the defence minister to be tried on an unspecified date before a court martial.

### Death verdict

HAVANA, July 8, (Reuters): The fate of four Cuban Army and state security officials sentenced to death yesterday including a former comrade of Fidel Castro, was in the hands of Cuba's Supreme Court today.

If the court upholds the sentences, Castro himself must decide whether the condemned men go before a firing squad.

A military tribunal reached the verdict after deliberating for two days following a trial that cast an international spotlight on the communist island-nations' worst ever drug and corruption scandal.

### Labour surges

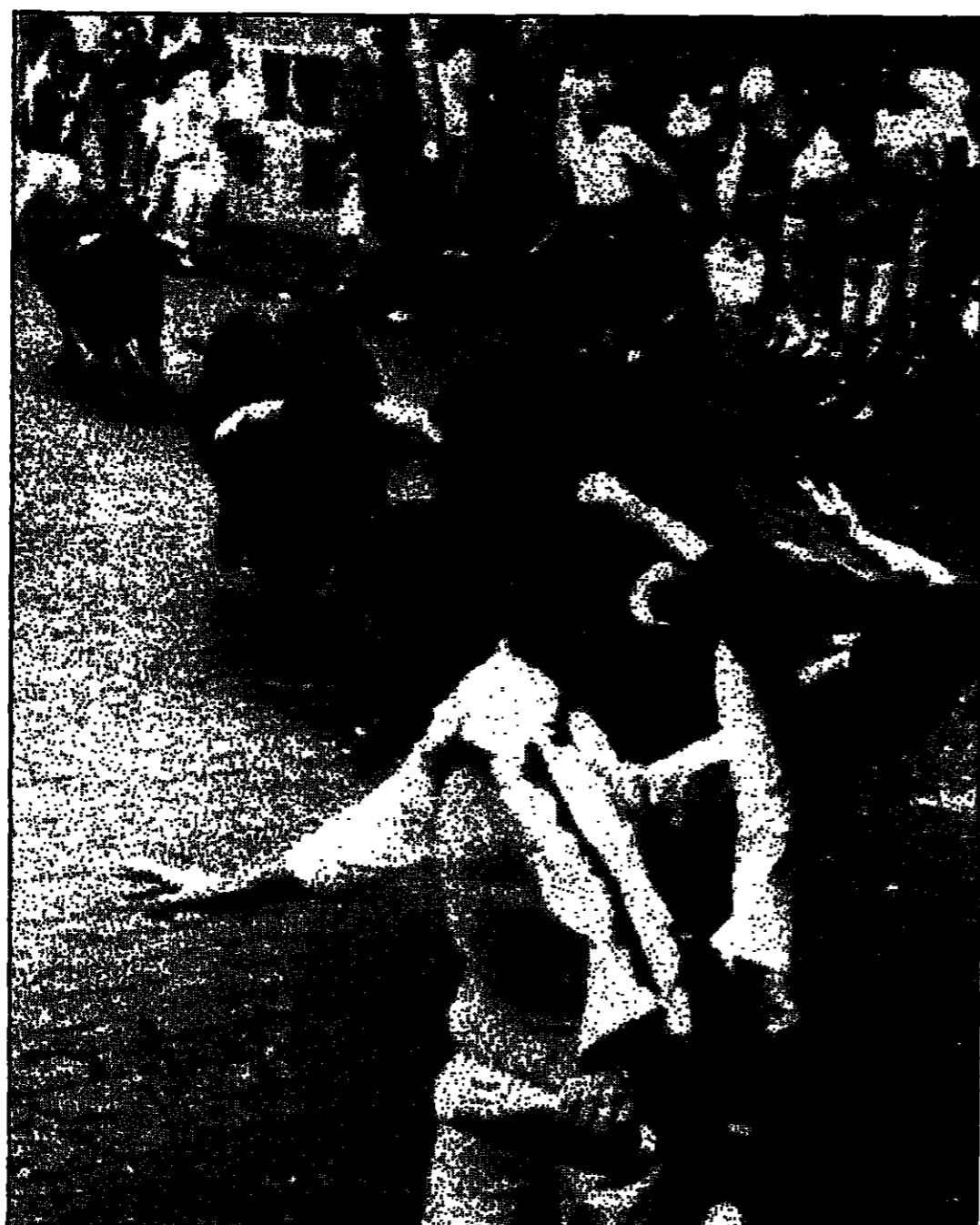
LONDON, July 8, (Reuters): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government rocked by rising inflation and union unrest, has fallen 13 points behind Britain's opposition Labour Party in a new opinion poll.

A Gallup poll in today's Daily Telegraph newspaper put support for Labour at 47 per cent, six per cent up on a Gallup survey last month.

### Vital meeting

NICOSIA, July 8, (AP): Ahmed Jibril, the leader of a radical Palestinian group, conferred with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati in Damascus this week, Iran's official Tehran Radio reported today.

This was the second meeting in Damascus in less than two months between Velayati and Jibril, who heads the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command.



**Running of the Bulls**

The second running of the Bulls in Pamplona, Spain, at the weekend San Fermin Festival on Saturday left a Spanish man with a serious horn injury to the face and 41 others slightly injured as the festive made famous by American author Ernest Hemingway continued, police said.

The Bulls ran the half-mile (one-kilometre) stretch from the pens through the narrow cobblestone streets of this northern city's old quarter to the bull ring in a quick two minutes and 37 seconds.

A bull that strayed from the group seriously injured Luis Sanchez Becerra, 33, of Pamplona, goring him in the right cheek, Navarre hospital spokesman Dr Manuel Garcia said. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Sri Lanka deploys soldiers on streets

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, July 8, (Agencies): Helmeted police and soldiers in combat fatigues deployed on the streets of the capital and other major towns today, two days after authorities ordered a crackdown on anti-government Sinhalese militants. Security sources said troops rounded up suspected rebels in Colombo.

Meanwhile, state-run radio broadcast a statement ordering transport workers, who have been on strike since June 12, to report for work by Monday. The raid did not say what would happen to those who refuse.

The strike, described by the government as the worst crisis since the nation gained independence from Britain in 1948, is believed to be sponsored by Sinhalese radicals.

On Thursday, the government said security forces had been ordered to shoot anyone involved in violence, instigating strikes or putting up anti-government posters.

Meanwhile Sri Lanka has not changed its position over President Ranasinghe Premadasa's deadline of July 29 for the Indian troops to leave.

In another development, Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne rejected an Indian offer to visit New Delhi to discuss with Indian External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao the pull-out of the troops under an agreed time-frame suggested by New Delhi, the sources said.

## In search of aid Cory leaves for Europe

MANILA, July 8, (AP): President Corason Aquino left for Europe today, hoping to encourage a greater European role in the development of her country as the European Economic Community prepares for unity in 1992.

The 56-year-old president departed on a commercial airliner for West Germany, first stop on a week-long tour which will also include France and Belgium.

Officials said Aquino will be seeking greater European trade and investment to help her troubled nation overcome problems of poverty, a \$28 billion foreign debt and a communist insurgency.

Aquino will also try to allay concern in Europe that she has not fulfilled her promise to protect human rights made when she was swept to power in the 1986 uprising that toppled Ferdinand Marcos' authoritarian rule.

Military Chief of Staff Gen Renato de Villa placed the armed forces in nation-wide alert today to prevent trouble by communist rebels or Marcos supporters during the visit.

"The president has seen to it that all possible contingencies have been provided for," said presidential spokesman Adolfo Azcona.

In a departure statement, Aquino alluded to concern

among developing countries that they may be shut out of a "fortress Europe" after the European Economic Community eliminates customs, immigration, trade and other barriers among the 12 member states in 1992.

"The greater co-ordination of European economic and political affairs promises to release an unprecedented amount of capital and energy for development," Aquino said.

"Yet in looking inward for the power to become more, Europe may ultimately diminish rather than grow," she added. "We grow with the rest of the world or not at all. It is the nature of the international economy."

Last Wednesday, the EEC promised to triple its aid to the Philippines to about \$350 million a year as part of a multi-billion dollar international programme to help revive the nation's economy.

Philippine officials say Aquino will seek greater private European investment and an expansion in trade in the wake of commitments made during the pledging session in Tokyo.

On Friday, opposition Sen Juan Ponce Enrile criticised the trip, saying it will reinforce the country's image as a borrower and a beggar.

Enrile also claimed Aquino was leaving a nation in turmoil following an upsurge in communist rebel violence.

## Kuwait ropes Manakh player

KUWAIT, July 8, (KUNA): Finance Minister Jassim Mohammed Al Khorafi today said that Kuwait has extradited Ahmad Salem Al Mehenna from Tunisia, who had been wanted for interrogation on a number of charges.

The minister told KUNA that Al Mehenna is currently being interrogated by the public prosecution on charges of hiding and smuggling money in addition to forgery in official documents in the light of investigations conducted by the deferred Shares Dealings

Clearance Bureau on his dealings in the stock exchange.

Asked by KUNA, Khorafi said that Al Mehenna was extradited in accordance with the legal and judicial co-operation agreement signed between Kuwait and Tunisia.

He noted that Kuwait, after receiving information that the aforementioned was arrested in Tunis, officially requested his extradition from the Tunisian government and hailed co-operation and efforts of the concerned Tunisian bodies in this issue.

Khorafi said that the bureau was continuing investigations with the last group (ten persons) referred to it by the concerned authorities to look into their dealings in the Manakh stock market.

Khorafi pointed out that only two, Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahim Takki and Zaid Abdul Karim Mohammed Al Mutawa, are still outside the country and underlined that Kuwait will pursue all possible means, to extradite them and complete legal procedures against them.

## Rival militias battle in Beirut

BEIRUT, July 8, (Agencies): Rival Shiite Muslim militias battled in the streets of West Beirut today as Syrian and Christian gunmen duelled with Howitzers across the city's dividing Green Line.

By police count, six people were killed and 28 wounded in the separate fighting.

In Damascus, leaders of Amal and Hezbollah, agreed today to end fighting.

The agreement was reached during a meeting between Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara and his Iranian counterpart Ali Akbar Velayati and leaders of the Amal and Hezbollah, the officials said.

"Amal and Hezbollah agreed to end the clashes immediately and to adopt measures to deal with those who were responsible for the fighting," one official said.

The Amal delegation was led by Nabih Berri and the Hezbollah team by Abbas Mousawi, officials said.

Velayati, who arrived in Damascus yesterday, met Syrian President Hafez Al Assad at his palace in the port city of Latakia and discussed Lebanese developments, diplomats said.

Killed A police spokesman in Beirut said three people were killed and 12 wounded in overnight clashes between the Amal militia and the Hezbollah.

The intermittent clashes erupted anew July 1, with the fighting over the last two days starting in the seaside Ouzai district and spreading to nearby Haret Hreik.

The spokesman said the fighting with automatic rifles and rocket-propelled grenades also damaged dozens of cars and started fires in several apartments.

"The situation is calm, but very tense. Gunmen remain in entrances to buildings," he added.

The Syrian-Christian artillery duel, which subsided at daybreak, killed three people and wounded 16, the spokesman said. The fighting continued despite efforts by Arab trouble-shooter Lakhdar Brahimi to halt the 16-week confrontation.

Earlier this week Syria demanded that Aoun remove the Frog-7 surface-to-surface missiles he allegedly obtained from Iraq.

The source, said the "missile" issue is the main obstacle blocking Ibrahim's mission to stabilise the security situation.

The leaders of Saudi Arabia and Algeria today discussed their next move in trying to solve the Lebanese crisis as an Arab League envoy shuttled between rival political leaders in Beirut.

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid, who with Morocco's King Hassan form an Arab League peace committee, met for two hours in renewed efforts to end the 14-year-old Lebanese civil war.

Moroccan Foreign Minister Adelfat Filali told reporters after the meeting it had reviewed recent talks in Baghdad and Damascus by foreign ministers of the three mediating states.

## Israelis in street fury

### Arab cars stoned

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 8, (Agencies): At least 300 angry Israelis shouting "Death to the Arabs" stoned Palestinian cars on a main Jerusalem street today in vengeance for the killing of 14 Jews by an Arab who forced a bus over a cliff.

Witnesses said police fired tear gas several times at the crowd of orthodox Jews hurling stones at Arab cars, police and journalists on Bar Ilan street.

The Israelis marched down the street searching for Palestinians to attack, the witnesses said. At least one Palestinian was beaten up.

Linda Scherzer, reporter for the American television network CNN (Cable News Network), said 10 enraged Jews attacked her crew and damaged their equipment.

"We were told by police that they cannot assure our safety, that it's a very angry mob and that they are ready to kill us," she said.

A Palestinian was killed when Israelis stoned his car today.

The CNN soundman was hit by five stones and angry Jews tried to snatch his tape machine. "They attacked our car and they attacked us with their fists," Scherzer said.

Hundreds of Israelis took to the streets yesterday to carry out revenge attacks and wounded at least 10 Palestinians, two of them critically.

A 90-year-old man suffered a broken pelvis when he was run down by a Jewish settler and two Palestinians were seriously wounded when their cars were stoned.

The bus attack was the most deadly Palestinian assault inside Israel for more than 10 years.

An Arab from the Gaza Strip's Nuseirat refugee camp grabbed the steering wheel of a bus on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway on Thursday and sent it plunging into a ravine.

Fourteen passengers, including two Canadians, were killed and 27 wounded. Islamic Jihad in Palestine, claimed responsibility for what it described as "an heroic operation."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said the government would consider imposing the death penalty for Palestinian attacks.

"I think we have to discuss it (the death penalty). We will discuss it in the very near future," he told Israel Radio.

Shamir's bureau chief Yossi Abimeir said Jewish revenge attacks were carried out by "marginal elements" in Israeli society and police had the violence under control.

In the occupied territories, three Palestinians were killed today by two Arabs for allegedly collaborating with Israel and one by Israeli troops during clashes.

Arabs shot dead Ismail Hussein Al Huroush, 55, in Yatta village in the West Bank and municipality worker Mustafa Abed Saad, 42, in Gaza city.

Hospital officials said troops shot dead Ziyad Zaki Abu Ilwan, 19, and wounded four Arabs, including a 12-year-old boy shot in the head, during clashes in Rafah in the Gaza Strip. A protester was shot and wounded in Jabalya refugee camp.

Shamir warned the dovish Labour Party today it would pay dearly if it quit Israel's national unity cabinet over new hardline conditions attached to Israel's peace plan.

A radical Palestinian leader said the adoption of hardline peace conditions by Israel's Likud Party proved that PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's policies were useless.

President Mitterrand sent a message of condolences to Israeli counterpart Chaim Herzog today over Thursday's attack on bus.

## US officials disappointed Likud stance 'not helpful'

MUSCAT, Oman, July 8, (AP): US government officials said today that headline positions by Israeli and Palestinian leaders have dealt a potentially fatal setback to hopes that proposed elections in the occupied territories could be a step toward peace.

An official who flew to this Arabian peninsula sultanate aboard US Secretary of State James Baker's plane told reporters that neither side had shown much restraint since the Palestinian election proposal was set forth by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir in April.

At a news conference Friday in Brunei, Baker characterised as "not helpful" a series of restrictions agreed to by Israel's Likud bloc concerning terms for the proposed elections in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Reporters travelling with Baker were told that the Likud position was akin to the announcement previously by Palestinian leaders that elections are not feasible so long as the Israeli occupation continues.

"These are the kind of things that fall under the category of

deal breakers," said the US official, insisting on anonymity. "We had requested that both sides refrain from doing that. Both sides have done it."

The official said both sides are responding to the pressure of headline elements from within their respective ranks.

The Likud demands most upsetting to US officials involve a pledge to continue expansion of Israeli settlements in the territories and a demand that elections be deferred until the Palestinians end their 19-month-old uprising.

"We will continue to try to work with this proposal because we always thought it offered us the best possibility of getting the parties into negotiations," the official said. But "there's no doubt that this makes it harder to make progress."

The official said that if the election idea proves unworkable, the United States may look more closely at proposals to advance the peace process through an international conference on the Middle East.

## Mahdi may be executed

KHARTOUM, July 8, (Reuters): Toppled Sudanese Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi faces trial for alleged corruption and possible execution after his capture by Sudan's new military rulers.

Sudan's new strongman, General Omar Hassan Al Bashir told the British Broadcasting Corporation and Voice of America today that Mahdi would be tried for alleged corruption and economic sabotage and could face the death penalty.

(See Mahdi faces trial Page 5)



**Demonstrators clash**

Police used water cannons today to disperse nearly 500 leftist demonstrators who clashed with police guarding a convention of the ultra-right Republican Party.

At least two policemen were injured by rock-throwing protesters, and 13 demonstrators were detained during the clashes, West Berlin police spokesman Heinz Jaenisch told the Associated Press.

Picture shows a protester holding a banner saying no space for Republicans as hit by a water cannon during clashes in West Berlin. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Mandela meets President Botha for first time

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, July 8, (AP): President P.W. Botha invited imprisoned African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela to his official residence last week, a government official said today.

It was the first time the two are known to have met face-to-face.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee announced that Mandela, who is serving a life prison term at the Victor Verster Prison Farm north of Cape Town, paid a "courtesy visit" Wednes-

day at Tuynhuys, the President's official residence in the centre of the city.

Coetsee said no policy matters were debated and no negotiations were conducted, but the two men "availed themselves of the opportunity to confirm their support for peaceful development in South Africa."

He said the 45-minute conversation took place in a "pleasant spirit" but the possibility of "further steps or meeting was not discussed during the occasion."

Coetsee said he was present during the visit. Mandela, whose 71st birthday is July 18, has been in prison since 1962 and has been serving a life term since his 1964 conviction for sabotage and plotting to overthrow the government.

He is widely regarded as the most respected leader of the majority of South African blacks, and other black leaders have refused to negotiate with the government until he is freed.

# China expels 2nd VOA bureau chief

Beijing warns Hong Kong

BEIJING, July 8, (Agencies): China expelled another American journalist today, and a US news report said up to 10,000 people have been arrested or detained in the government's nation-wide crackdown on dissent. Voice of America Beijing chief Mark Hopkins was called in this morning to the Bureau of Public Security, China's intelligence agency, and ordered out of the country within 72 hours for "violation of martial law" and "instigating propaganda," according to VOA director Richard Carlson.

"The Chinese government's action is ill-conceived and short-sighted," said Carlson in a telephone interview in Washington.

"We refute the allegations," he added.

Hopkins, 58, had been VOA's Beijing bureau chief from 1984 until last year, when he was succeeded by



Voice of America reporter Mark Hopkins talks with colleagues after Chinese authorities ordered him on Saturday to leave the country within three days. (Reuters wirephoto)

Alan W. Pessin, 33, who was himself ordered expelled on June 15, along with an Associated Press reporter.

Hopkins became chief of the VOA's Beijing office after Pessin left.

"They want to rewrite history," said Carlson of the government's action, adding that Chinese officials felt threatened by the VOA's Mandarin broadcast to tens of millions of listeners in China.

The government has kept up a furious barrage of criticism against the US government's overseas radio network, charging it with distorted reporting on China.

Three correspondents for Britain's Independent Television network and a part-time writer for the Dallas (Texas) Morning News, all of whom were reporting in China on tourist visas, also were ordered to leave China last month.

Also today, the Chinese press reported investigations into several major corruption cases, keeping up the publicity around its drive to root out profiteering, swindling and bribery.

"Down with corruption" was one of the main rallying cries of the student-led pro-democracy movement during its rise in April and May. The movement called for a freer society and a cleaner government.

Since Chinese troops used truncheons, rifles and tanks to put down the uprising, killing hundreds and perhaps thousands of civilians, the government has gone to great lengths to demonstrate that it takes the anti-corruption call seriously.

Ten major cases of profiteering involving municipal and local companies are being investigated in Shanghai, China's largest city and main industrial base, the Communist Party newspaper People's Daily said.

The companies allegedly engaged in profiteering by reselling duty-free materials, cars, houses, colour television sets, refrigerators, blueprints and land use rights, the paper said.

The report came a day after the official China Daily newspaper said Shanghai officials were investigating 1,240 cases of bribery and embezzlement.

Neighbouring Zhejiang, Southern Yunnan and Central Gansu provinces also called for intensifying the drive against corruption in an effort to regain popular trust in the Communist Party, the China Daily said.

The People's Daily also reported today that a swindler in rural Shanxi province who defrauded businesses of more than 25 million yuan (\$6.75 million) was sentenced to life in prison.

Pei Wenzhong, chairman and general manager of the Luliang Iron and Steel Co. and three other rival factories, signed bogus contracts for sale of fertilizer and steel with 10 companies in various provinces, the paper said. He also bribed a local policeman with 9,000 yuan (\$2,430), it said.

In other developments, the National People's Congress, China's legislature, and the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, a high-level advisory group, wound up meeting this week.

Meanwhile, Beijing warned Hong Kong today not to become a base for subverting China and urged Britain to take a responsible attitude towards the colony's future.

# Bangladesh tries to hold back floods

## Workmen race against time to build nine-foot wall

DHAKA, July 8, (Reuters): Last monsoon season the worst floods for 40 years inundated Bangladesh, killing at least 3,000 people and leaving millions homeless.

There was immediate and immense international response to the tragedy but relief was slow to reach the victims. Dhaka's Zia International Airport, Bangladesh's lifeline to the outside world, was under water and unusable for a week.

The government has since produced an ambitious plan to protect the airport and other important areas from flooding—an annual occurrence in one of the world's poorest countries.

Workmen are hurrying to complete a nine-foot (three-metre) high mud and rock wall around the airport, military barracks, and other strategic areas of the capital before the monsoon sets in later this month and unleashes its full fury in September.

"We are racing against time to finish the work on schedule and make sure the most vital supply and communication channel remains open," a project engineer said.

"If the first phase is completed on time, we shall see what best can be done for rest of the country," he added.

Deputy Premier Kazi Zafar Ahmed said 75 per cent of the work would be com-

pleted before the first wave of floods is expected.

"This is an ambitious project drawn up very carefully with some definite objectives. We are trying to get it implemented as early as possible."

He admitted, however, at a recent meeting of the project implementation committee: "We are lagging behind schedule in erecting the embankments and walls, improving the drainage system and re-excavating city canals."

Ahmed dismissed opposition charges that work had been delayed by administrative snags and said the whole project

would be completed next year as planned. He said construction completed so far would save vast areas of the capital from floods.

Others expressed doubts. "This could ultimately turn out just as wasteful of money," said one labour contractor. "Mud embankments built only a few weeks before the monsoon bursts in with full fury are unlikely to withstand the torrents of water."

An engineer said he was not convinced the wall would stand the full fury of flood but added: "I am not very sure about the rate of success but think it is worth a try."

# Minister retracts insult on women

TOKYO, July 8, (Agencies): A row flared today over a remark by a senior minister in Prime Minister Soesuke Uno's cabinet, ridden by sex scandals, that women have no place in politics.

But Agriculture Minister Hisao Horinouchi quickly called a news conference to retract the offending comments, the national broadcasting network NHK said.

"I sincerely apologise for putting many women to much trouble," Horinouchi said.

NHK said Uno and leaders of the beleaguered Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) urged the minister to take back his remarks, fearing they might cost the ruling party women's votes in parliamentary elections later this month.

The row flared when major newspapers quoted Horinouchi as telling supporters in western Japan yesterday that the head of the opposition Japan Socialist Party, Takako Doi, was unfit to rule because she was single and childless.

"Women have no place in politics," Horinouchi, 64, was quoted as saying, though he added that British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was an exception.

Retraction

The LDP was already under fire from women voters because of Uno's alleged affairs with Geisha girls and bar hostesses as well as an unpopular sales tax introduced in April.

Media reports said Horinouchi's remarks referred to the victory of a little-known woman socialist in an upper house by-election last month and the election of a record 17 women, 12 of them socialists, to the Tokyo municipal assembly a week ago.

Before the minister's retraction, Uno told chief Cabinet Secretary Masajiro Shiokawa to check whether Horinouchi made the reported remarks and if so to reprimand him.

LDP Secretary-General Ryutaro Hashimoto told a news conference the reported remarks were "a slander to LDP female candidates," and that Horinouchi should "take back his remarks if he really meant what he said," Kyodo reported.

A woman who answered the phone at the election committee of the LDP told the Associated Press that Horinouchi's remarks were "unpleasant and ridiculous."

"Women are finally getting interested in and trying to participate in politics," said the official, who requested anonymity. "So I resent any statement that interferes with the trend."

Doi, campaigning in Osaka, western Japan, said the remarks could spark an international incident, Kyodo news service reported.

Realise

"He apparently doesn't realise that women are no longer willing to keep silent about politics," she was quoted as saying.

At the start of the 18-day campaign on Wednesday, Doi sought to assure voters that the economy would not suffer if the socialists came to power.

Political analysts say the turnout of women voters will be a key to the results of the upper house elections on July 23.

They said the LDP faces an uphill battle and is likely to lose its majority in the 252-member upper house for the first time in 34 years.

Lower house elections, which determine who heads the government, could be held as early as October.



North Korean girls practise near the capital's Arch of Triumph for the closing ceremony of the World Youth Festival in Pyongyang. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Peace sought in Cambodia

## ASEAN officials meet

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei, July 8, (AP): French President Francois Mitterrand has appealed to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev for help in ensuring the success of an international peace conference on Cambodia, a senior Asian diplomat said today.

Mitterrand telephoned Gorbachev and asked him to use his influence with Vietnam to hasten a settlement of Cambodia's civil war, said the diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity. The Soviet Union is Vietnam's most powerful ally and main source of arms.

Vietnam invaded Cambodia in late 1978 to oust the brutal Khmer Rouge and install a government sympathetic to Hanoi. Its troops have remained in the country, battling a coalition of three rebel groups, but Vietnam has pledged to withdraw them by Sept 30.

The diplomat, who was attending annual talks between members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and their allies, said information on the contact between Mitterrand and Gorbachev was given by French Deputy Foreign Minister Edwige Avice to ASEAN officials today.

France and Indonesia are co-chairing the planned Cambodian Peace Conference, scheduled to start July 30 in Paris. It would be the first meeting to include all the parties involved in the Cambodian War.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas said he and Mrs Avice met today to discuss the problems Indonesia faced in organising two rounds of talks on Cambodia this past year.

Mrs Avice said the conference

would be opening under "very positive circumstances" after China, a major supporter of the Cambodian rebel groups, formally confirmed it would participate.

The Paris conference is considered crucial because of the need to create a mechanism to monitor Vietnam's troop withdrawal and ensure it is not followed by renewed civil war.

There has been no sign, however, that the Cambodian government and the guerrilla group are willing to make concessions on how to share power after Vietnamese troops leave.

The Vietnamese-backed government of Cambodia described a communique issued by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations as a "stick poked in the wheel" of the search for peace in the country.

A transcript of an official Cambodian News Agency report seen in Bangkok today said the ASEAN communique "was repeating the old stance on the so-called comprehensive political settlement of the Cambodian conflict."

ASEAN foreign ministers meeting in Brunei have called for including the hard-line Khmer Rouge in an interim Cambodian government and stationing an international peacekeeping force in Cambodia.

"The Cambodian government... vehemently condemn(s) attempts at encouraging the Khmer Rouge to take part in any future government of Cambodia," the report said.

Meanwhile, the United States assured Southeast Asian nations yesterday that major powers will not dominate a proposed Pacific economic co-operation forum.

# Plight of Filipinos worsened: Marcos Jr

HONOLULU, July 8, (UPI): The son of former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos says US support of Corason Aquino in 1986 was a failure, and has helped lower the standard of living for Filipinos and threatens democracy throughout Southeast Asia, a Honolulu newspaper reported.

Ferdinand Jr., 31 speaking on Wednesday at the Marcos home during a 15-minute interview for a documentary on the Marcoses, said the US action during the 1986 presidential campaign also threatened US occupancy of the two strategic American bases in the Philippines, the Honolulu Star-bulletin said.

"I think there were personalities, or cliques, within the (US) system that decided at some point to put us away," Marcos Jr said.

"This was a mistake for the Philippines and the United States," he said. "The plight of the average Filipino has worsened, people are going hungry."

"The communist insurgency grows worse by the day. Peace and order in the cities and countryside is getting worse. And the American... interest of the bases (Clark Air field and Subic Bay) has become more tenuous in the last three years," he said.

Marcos's son, however, said he did not believe the United States had "turned" on the Marcoses. He said US authorities believed they did the right thing based on information they had, which he said was incorrect.

"I hope they realise what is going on back home," he said.

Marcos Jr former governor of Marcos's province of Ilocos Norte, admitted there were mistakes in his father's administration.

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## Blizzards kill 36

BEIJING, July 8, (AP): Blizzards in remote western China have trapped 8,000 gold prospectors for more than a month, and 36 have died, the official Xinhua news agency said yesterday.

Helicopters yesterday dropped 8.5 tonnes of food into the Hoh Xil Lake area of Qinghai province, more than 5,000 metres (16,500 feet) above sea level, the report said. Altitude sickness caused the deaths, it said.

## Valuable tools

WASHINGTON, July 8, (AP): Officials of the Environmental Protection Agency said yesterday they are optimistic that oil-eating microorganisms may soon become valuable tools in cleaning up the Exxon oil spill in Alaska.

EPA administrator William Reilly said preliminary findings from an experiment in which nutrients were used to enhance the growth of such organisms on small sections of Alaska's contaminated beaches appear to show success.

In some cases, the number of organisms multiplied 100-fold only a week into the experiment, and even in the early stages some beaches treated with nutrients showed "a striking disappearance of the oil from rock surfaces," the EPA said.

## Forest damage

GENEVA, July 8, (AP): A United Nations survey of 21 East and West European nations published yesterday listed Czechoslovakia, Britain and Greece as countries with the heaviest damage to their forests.

All countries blamed air pollution at least in part, with nine citing it as the major factor, the UN Economic Commission for Europe said in a preliminary report on developments in 1988.

Czechoslovakia reported damage to 70.5 per cent of its forests. This included the highest proportion of severely hit and dead trees, 5.4 per cent, and the biggest jump in the proportion of damaged evergreens.

## Refugees moved

BANGKOK, Thailand, July 8, (AP): The Khmer Rouge have moved some 5,000 Cambodians living under their control to a UN refugee camp in Thailand after a heavy shelling attack, relief officials said yesterday.

The civilians began arriving three days ago at site K Camp, southwest of Bangkok, officials said. They spoke on condition of anonymity.

## 11 killed in fire

TAIPEI, Taiwan, July 8, (AP): Eleven workers, including six Malaysians, died in a pre-dawn fire that destroyed a lamp factory in central Taiwan today, police reported.

Police in Taichung, 180 kilometres (108 miles) south of Taipei, said the bodies of the victims were found in the dormitory section of the factory after the fire was extinguished.

## SWAPO denied

LONDON, July 8, (Reuters): The Nationalist group SWAPO today denied allegations by former detainees that it had killed 100 dissidents and holds 1,000 political opponents in prison camps.

A spokesman for 153 dissidents freed by the South West Africa People's Organisation made the charges on Thursday after he and his colleagues returned to Namibia under a UN independence plan for the South African-run territory.

Some of the former prisoners said they had been tortured during SWAPO interrogation and forced to admit to spying for Pretoria.

## Heavy fighting

LUSAKA, Zambia, July 8, (AP): Heavy fighting between government troops and rebels in northern Mozambique drove more than 400 people across a swollen river into neighbouring Zambia, the Zambian authorities said yesterday.

At least 20 soldiers, some of them wounded, were among the fugitives from two days of fighting concentrated on the Mozambican town of Zumbo, 60 km (37 miles) from the border with Zambia's eastern border district.

## Maximum sentence

NEW YORK, July 8, (AP): Gen. Gotti, brother of reputed Gambino boss John Gotti, was sentenced yesterday to 30 years in prison for running a multimillion-dollar drug ring.

US district judge John R. Bartels ignored defence lawyers' appeals for mercy in handing down the maximum sentence.

"I have my obligations," he said. Co-defendant John Carneglia also was given 30 years, and both defendants were fined \$75,000 dollars.

## University teachers

LAGOS, Nigeria, July 8, (AP): The government announced yesterday it will not pay the salaries of teachers at six universities closed for one year because of their students' participation in protests that left at least 43 people dead. The closed universities also will not receive their regular funding.

# Kissinger may also go

## Nixon to visit China

WASHINGTON, July 8, (UPI): Former President Richard Nixon and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who re-established US-China relations in the 1970s, may visit the strife-torn country, the Washington Post reported today.

Diplomatic sources told the Post Nixon and Kissinger likely will become the first prominent Americans to visit the country since the government's bloody suppression of pro-democracy protests in Tiananmen Square.

Nixon is reportedly planning a visit to China in September, which would be his fifth since he resigned the presidency in 1974, the Post said. White House and State Department officials said there were no immediate plans to send any messages to China through Nixon.

Kissinger told the Post in a telephone interview that he is considering a "long-standing invitation" to visit China in early October to participate in a government-sponsored investment conference.

President Bush on June 20 barred high-level official trips to China as a sign of US disapproval of the government's bloody June 4 repression of the democracy demonstrations.

Nixon's trip to China as president in February 1972, re-established a Sino-American relationship for the first time since the 1949 Communist Revolution.

Meanwhile, the State Department has reinstated export licences allowing four Boeing 757s, whose shipment had been blocked last month by presidential order, to be delivered to China.

The jets were placed on the prohibited munitions control list because their navigational systems have potential military uses.

# Suu Kyi refuses to bow to threats

## Campaign to continue

BANGKOK, July 8, (Agencies): Burma's main opposition leader said today she will continue the campaign of speeches that has drawn large crowds in Rangoon despite "veiled threats" from the military government.

Aung San Suu Kyi, the charismatic 44-year-old daughter of assassinated independence hero Aung San, has garnered widespread popular support since emerging at the head of last year's thwarted uprising for democracy. Her outspoken condemnations are unprecedented in a country cowed by fears of authoritarian repression.

Suu Kyi said she planned to make more speeches in Rangoon on Monday, despite the government's demand that she end what they describe as her "confrontational" approach in politics.

The main target in Suu Kyi's repeated denunciation of military rule is former dictator Ne Win, who held Burma in an iron grip for 26 years until officially retiring a year ago.

Suu Kyi, General Secretary of the National League for Democracy, claims Ne Win continues to manipulate the government of Gen. Saw Maung.

Speaking from Rangoon in a telephone interview, Suu Kyi accused Saw Maung of threatening opposition groups when he spoke at a rare news conference

on Wednesday.

"Two things emerged during Saw Maung's speech," Suu Kyi said. "The first is that he has shown that he does not believe in dialogue and the second was a veiled threat of force."

"This is exactly the way Ne Win has always reacted when faced with any kind of opposition," Suu Kyi said. "This is why we are convinced that Ne Win is still pulling the strings from behind Saw Maung."

Ne Win, 78, is widely blamed for ordering the killings of hundreds of demonstrators for political change last year.

At his news conference, Saw Maung insisted Ne Win has no part in national politics, but added: "We are all here to day because of him. He taught us like a parent."

The pace of political dissent has quickened in Burma in the past few weeks, with large crowds gathering in Rangoon in defiance of a 10-month-old martial law order forbidding more than five persons to assemble.

A parcel bomb exploded yesterday at an oil refinery outside the capital, killing two people and hundreds of youths defied martial law with protests marking the 30th anniversary of an Army attack against students.

Official Rangoon Radio said.

# Politicians slammed

NEW DELHI, July 8, (KUNA): The National Political Convention of Muslim-Indians today urged minorities and weaker sections to unite and fight communalism and protect the secular image of India.

In inaugurating the two-day convention, Syed Shahabuddin, chairman of the convention and a prominent Muslim leader, came down heavily on the political organisation saying "there is no party which regards oppressed and exploited minorities as their prime concern."

The convention was boycotted by all members of Parliament, barring National Conference representative Saifuddin Soz, Shia leader Prince Anjum Qadir, former minister Zulfikarullah, who is also president of the Majlis Muslim Mithwarat.

It was called to discuss the community's political and socio-economic problems. More than 1,000 delegates are taking part in the convention. Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi expressed his inability to attend it because of pre-occupation.

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# Uphold Kim's death sentence, court asked

SEOUL, July 8, (UPI): The prosecution today demanded an appeal court uphold the death sentence for a North Korean woman convicted in the bombing of a Korean Air jetliner which disappeared over Burma with 115 people on board.

About 700 police ringed the courthouse to prevent violent protests from grieving relatives of the victims.

Prosecutor Lee Sang-Hyong asked the court to reject an appeal filed by Kim Hyon-Hui, 27, and her lawyers and uphold a death sentence handed down by a district court. Kim, a confessed North Korean agent, was sentenced to death by Seoul District Criminal Court on April 25 on charges of murder, destruction of aircraft and violation of the national security law.

"There can be no sympathy for the defendant," Lee said.

The appellate court said it would release its decision on whether or not to commute the sentence on July 22.

Court sources said Kim's death sentence will be upheld by the court of appeals and the case will then go to the supreme court which will also uphold the judgement.

"I hope they realise what is going on back home," he said.

Marcos Jr former governor of Marcos's province of Ilocos Norte, admitted there were mistakes in his father's administration.

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## More finds expected in final frontier

## Voyager 2 discovers third moon of Neptune

PASADENA, California, July 8, (AP): A third moon orbiting Neptune has been discovered by the Voyager 2 space probe, which is speeding toward its Aug 24 encounter with the fourth-largest planet, space officials announced yesterday.

Discovery of the moon, temporarily designated 1989 N1, was confirmed Wednesday, although it was first seen in pictures Voyager 2 sent to Earth in mid-June, said a statement issued by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's jet propulsion laboratory.

The newly found satellite is the third known to circle the giant, blue-green planet. Its two previous known moons are Nereid and Triton, which is about the size of Earth's moon and circles Neptune in a backward orbit, and the much smaller Nereid was found 40 years ago.

Triton a century before that.

"It's great," said Voyager project manager Norm Haynes. "This is kind of like confirmation of the fact we're really there."

"I expect we'll find more," he added. "Most of the outer planets have a lot, and it would be unusual if Neptune had only two or three."

Ellis Miner, deputy Voyager project scientist, recently said that Voyager might discover about 10 small moons orbiting Neptune.

The previously unknown moon was found in Voyager images by Stephen P. Synnott, a scientist at the laboratory. It appeared as a "small, bright smudge," and later photos from Voyager's television cameras confirmed its existence by showing the small object in its predicted orbit,

NASA said.

Synnott said the newly found moon has a diameter estimated at 125 to 400 miles (200 to 640 kilometres), orbiting Neptune's equator in a near-circular orbit at a distance of about 57,600 miles (92,690 kilometres) from the planet's cloudtops.

"At this point, the moon is too indistinct to appear in photographic prints made from the Voyager images," said the announcement by laboratory spokeswoman Mary Beth Murrill.

"Pictures taken in coming weeks will show the moon more clearly."

Triton, discovered in 1846, has a diameter of 1,400 to 2,240 miles (2,250 to 3,600 kilometres), according to recent estimates derived from Voyager photographs. Nereid, discovered in 1949, measures roughly 190 to 620 miles (300

1,000 kilometres) across, Voyager project scientist Edward Stone said recently.

Yesterday, Voyager 2 was 43.7 million miles (70.3 million kilometres) from Neptune, closing in at a speed of 42,201 miles (67,914 kilometres) per hour. The space probe was 2.67 billion miles (4.29 billion kilometres) from Earth. But since it and its twin, Voyager 1, were launched in 1977, it has travelled an arc-shaped route totalling 4.38 billion miles (7.07 billion kilometres).

The \$865 million Voyager project now has discovered at least 18 moons: Three at Jupiter, at least four and possibly seven at Saturn, 10 orbiting Uranus, and one so far at Neptune.

That boosts the total lunar count to 16 for Jupiter, at least 17 for Saturn, 15 for Uranus and three for Neptune.

Voyager nears Neptune. Page 14

## Fired worker dies after killing bosses

AUSTELL, Georgia, July 8, (AP): A fired Coca-Cola driver who killed two of his superiors and holed up in the company's office for seven hours emerged this morning firing his guns and was fatally shot by police, authorities said.

John Wallace, 45, seized and released a hostage after shooting the two men, who fired him earlier last night, then blocked himself in the Coca-Cola West Metro Sales Centre, said Cobb County Police Chief Culver Johnson.

son. He negotiated with police in this northern Atlanta suburb for most of the night.

Around 5 am (0900 GMT), police fired tear gas into the building, and Wallace agreed to come out without his guns, Johnson said.

Instead, Wallace emerged with two guns and fired at police, he said.

"They had no choice but to return the fire," Johnson said.

Wallace was taken to Cobb General Hospital, where nursing supervisor Linda Cole later said he had died.

Johnson said Wallace came to work at the plant around 10 pm (0200 GMT) and was told of his dismissal. The reason for his firing was not immediately known.

Witnesses told police that Wallace then went to clean out his locker but returned with a handgun and fired on a gathering of workers, shooting two of them.

## Housing reforms promised by Kemp

WASHINGTON, July 8, (AP): US Housing Secretary Jack Kemp says more agency programmes may be suspended, but he promises to revive the scandal-ravaged department and "make sure the money gets to hands of needy people, not greedy people."

Kemp also said yesterday that his predecessor, Samuel Pierce, shares blame for the Department of Housing and Urban Development problems, which investigators believe have cost the government hundreds of millions, if not billions, of dollars.

Kemp promised a thorough review of the department and made his most direct comments to date on his assessment of Pierce's tenure as the agency's director.

"I'm making a lot of changes. So that, by definition, is suggesting that secretary Pierce unfortunately — a very decent and honest man — did not in my view manage HUD as carefully or closely as it should have been managed," Kemp told reporters after speaking to a Republican group.

"That reflects on Mr Pierce and, I say this with sadness not anger, it reflects on" former President Ronald Reagan's administration, he said.

Kemp said he and President George Bush will be to blame if they fail to reform the agency, a massive task that involves major internal reviews of virtually all the agency's major programmes.

The agency is at the centre of a growing scandal involving allegations of influence-peddling, mismanagement and fraud during the Reagan administration. The agency provides low-cost housing to the poor and the elderly, and underwrites mortgages for middle-class home buyers.

Three HUD programmes have been suspended or cancelled, and Kemp said "there may be more" as his review progresses.

Kemp, in promising to revive the agency, dismissed questions from the congressman heading a subcommittee investigation of HUD's problems.

## Roomie blamed Snorer slain

WINTHROP, Massachusetts, July 8, (AP): A 43-year-old man has been accused of killing his hospital roommate after complaining that the man's snoring kept disturbing his sleep.

William Fitzmeyer is accused of either beating or strangling Thomas V. Fowler Jr., 76, today in the room they shared at Winthrop Community Hospital.

Fowler died three days later and, according to Winthrop police Lt. Angelo Lamonic, an autopsy showed the cause of death was "blunt neck trauma."

Lamonic said he was unsure whether Fowler died of strangulation, beating or a combination of both.

Lt. Michael McManus said Fitzmeyer "had complained to the nurses a couple of times about the noises (Fowler) was making and the noises he was referring to was a man snoring."



## Firefighters galore

Firefighters battle a blaze that charred over 1,100 acres near the San Diego East County community of Dogpatch Thursday.

Temperatures reaching 105 degrees were down the nearly 630 fire fighters assigned to battle the uncontained blaze.

In California, a bush fire whipped by hot winds burned

out of control 85 miles north of Sacramento late Friday destroying four homes.

Meanwhile, some 600 firefighters managed to expand a containment line around 40 per cent of a 3,000-acre (1,214-hectare) fire in the Bridge-Teton National Forest in Wyoming, but the high temperatures and wind threatened new outbreaks. (Reuter wirephoto).

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

NEW YORK: An east Harlem pastor was sentenced Friday to 21 years in prison for sexually assaulting three female parishioners summoned for counselling in his basement church office.

Pleading for mercy in a Manhattan courtroom packed with 70 members of the True Church of God, Thomas Streiber told the judge he foresaw complete vindication by an appeals court.

"As God is my judge, I did not commit the acts charged against me," said Streiber, 45, his congregants, his wife and family and one of his victims, who was 16 at the time of the attack, listened in silence.

ATHENS, Alabama: Julia a 300-pound (135 kilogramme) pig who loves to have her tummy scratched and drinks diet cola from a can, is a pet, says her owner. She's a hog, say city officials, and can't live within city limits.

So now Julia's fate will be decided in court.

Two weeks ago, at the request of Athens' animal control director Ron Ullz, a municipal court judge ordered veterinarian Bruce Young to comply with ordinances against raising pigs in the city and to send Julia to the country.

Young, who found the injured piglet a year ago and took her home, appealed to Limestone County court and asked that a jury be allowed to decide. "I think I can convince a reasonable jury that she's my pet — and not just a ham," Young said Monday.

NEW YORK: American women who would scorn romance novels are snapping up an album of classical poetry read by an actor wearing an animal suit, the record's distributors say.

Poems by Lord Byron and Percy Bysshe Shelley, recited by Ron Perlman half-lion half-man star of a US television series *Beauty and the Beast*, are selling thousands of copies a day, Capitol Records says.

The recording, which has sold 250,000 copies in the first two months of its release, was prompted by requests from the TV show's audience, described by Capitol as "highly educated, involved and interested women". (Reuter).

ATLANTA: When it comes to exercise, most Americans are moving slower than hoped toward the government's goal of better health, officials have found.

The US Centres for Disease Control reported Friday that at least five of 11 physical fitness goals for 1990, which it outlined at the beginning of the decade, probably won't be met.

"Evidence indicates that regular physical activity reduces the incidence of... many medical conditions," the CDC said in its weekly report, citing the benefits of exercise in fighting heart disease, colon cancer, diabetes and obesity.

VICTORIA, British Columbia: A man bench-pressing 295 pounds (133.8 kilogrammes) died after dropping the barbell on his throat, authorities said.

Richard Craig English, a 28-year-old house painter from Vancouver, died at a hospital Friday. He was working out alone at a health club and had previously refused offers to use "spotter" in case of an accident, said detective Sgt. Doug Bond.

When a club staff member discovered English, "the barbell was across his throat and he was blue," Bond said Monday.

"The night manager told me he had exactly the same thing happen to him, but he had spotters there, and they pulled the weight off before any damage was done," the detective said. (AP).

NEW YORK: Police talked a depressed deaf-mute man down from the rooftop ledge of a 32-story building with help from two sisters who know sign language.

Police were called to the building Tuesday, Tina and Brenda Pedraza who live in the neighbourhood and heard of the problem, offered to help.

Officers Henry Medina and Ray Ruiz told Tina Pedraza, 31, what they wanted to say. In sign language, she passed it on to Brenda Pedraza, 22, who signed it to Victor Bruno, 24.

"We told him that we had experienced suicide in our family," said Tina Pedraza, "and that he was young and had a life to live."

Bruno said he was depressed and wanted to visit his sister in Michigan, Medina said.

The officers told Bruno they had a plane ticket to Michigan for him and threw a watch onto the ledge to show him the flight would leave soon. When Bruno went to pick up the watch, the officers grabbed him.

He was taken to Harlem Hospital for observation, police said. (AP).

TOKYO: Move over, Paris. Tokyo will join you in the ranks of cities with eight-digit phone numbers.

Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation said Tuesday that the change from seven-digit phone numbers in Tokyo will take place Jan 1, 1991. Subscribers will add a "3" at the beginning of their seven-digit numbers.

The National Telephone Utility said a shortage of exchange numbers began showing up in 1981 as demand increased for facsimile and microcomputer communications on top of demand for regular telephone lines.

COLUMBUS: Ohio Actress Cher said her latest hit song, "We All Sleep Alone," has more meaning now that she and Rob Camillet have split.

Now Cher, once married to Sonny Bono has turned to another music man.

Cher flew to Columbus on Sunday and had dinner with Bon Jovi guitarist Richie Sambora, who was in town for a concert at nearby Buckeye Lake Music Centre. She skipped the show and opted for a private dinner afterward with Sambora at a restaurant on the city's north side.

Cher walked unnoticed through the airport and Sambora whisked her away in a stretch limousine to the restaurant, which was opened Sunday especially for the couple. (AP).

PALM BEACH, Florida: A dog's life is not anything to complain about around Palm Beach.

At the Yuppy Puppy in nearby Coral Springs, a massage dips her fingers into dogs. A nearby health spa offers a bubbling jacuzzi for the family pet. And a groomer in moneyed Palm Springs dispatches limousines to fetch lazy lap dogs.

Toy Poodle Korbel's third birthday present last month was the full treatment at the Yuppy Puppy: an hour-long grooming session followed by a massage, shampoo and whirlpool bath. The \$60 session wound up with wheat snacks and spring water from the French Alps.

"This is my child," said Iris Torres. "He has the best life there is. He's a spoiled brat."

Coral Springs also has an animal psychologist, while an animal doctor in Vero Beach will cap the family mutt's unsightly teeth. In Miami, a jeweller will pierce a dog's ears.

Shops in Fort Lauderdale and Coral Springs market such items as Beverly Hills dog collars at about \$7 a bottle and designer pet pajamas for \$13.95 a pair.

Poodle Paradise in Palm Springs offers \$130 mink and cashmere coats. Diamond collars also are available. (AP)

## NRA up in arms

## US bans 43 foreign weapons

WASHINGTON, July 8, (UPI): The US current ban of importing foreign-made semi-automatic weapons will be made permanent, but President George Bush still opposes outlawing American-made versions of basically the same guns, officials said yesterday.

The decision drew strong reaction from the National Rifle Association, which vowed to fight the move, and gun control and police groups that said American-made semi-automatics should be outlawed, too.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms said it would permanently ban the importation of 43 types of foreign-made guns, including the popular AK-47 and the Uzi carbine, because they have no legitimate sporting use.

ATF director Stephen Higgins said the ban, initially imposed on a temporary basis almost four months ago, would become permanent following a 30-day period to give weapons importers and others a chance to comment and appeal. But Higgins said he expects the decision to stand.

Seven types of semi-automatics that had been under suspension while the administration studied the issue will be allowed after all, Higgins said.

Higgins told reporters, "The study was undertaken because of the dramatic increase in the number of these weapons being imported and police reports of their use in violent crime."

The 1968 Gun Control Act requires that foreign-made guns have a legitimate sporting use. There is no such requirement for domestic-made weapons and the administration currently is opposed to banning any of them, officials said.

Most semi-automatics sold in the United States are American-made. In recent years they have become increasingly popular among career criminals, particularly drug dealers.

Bush, a life member of the NRA, initially opposed outlawing any guns. But shortly after taking office he imposed the temporary import ban, pending the government review, in response to mounting criticism.

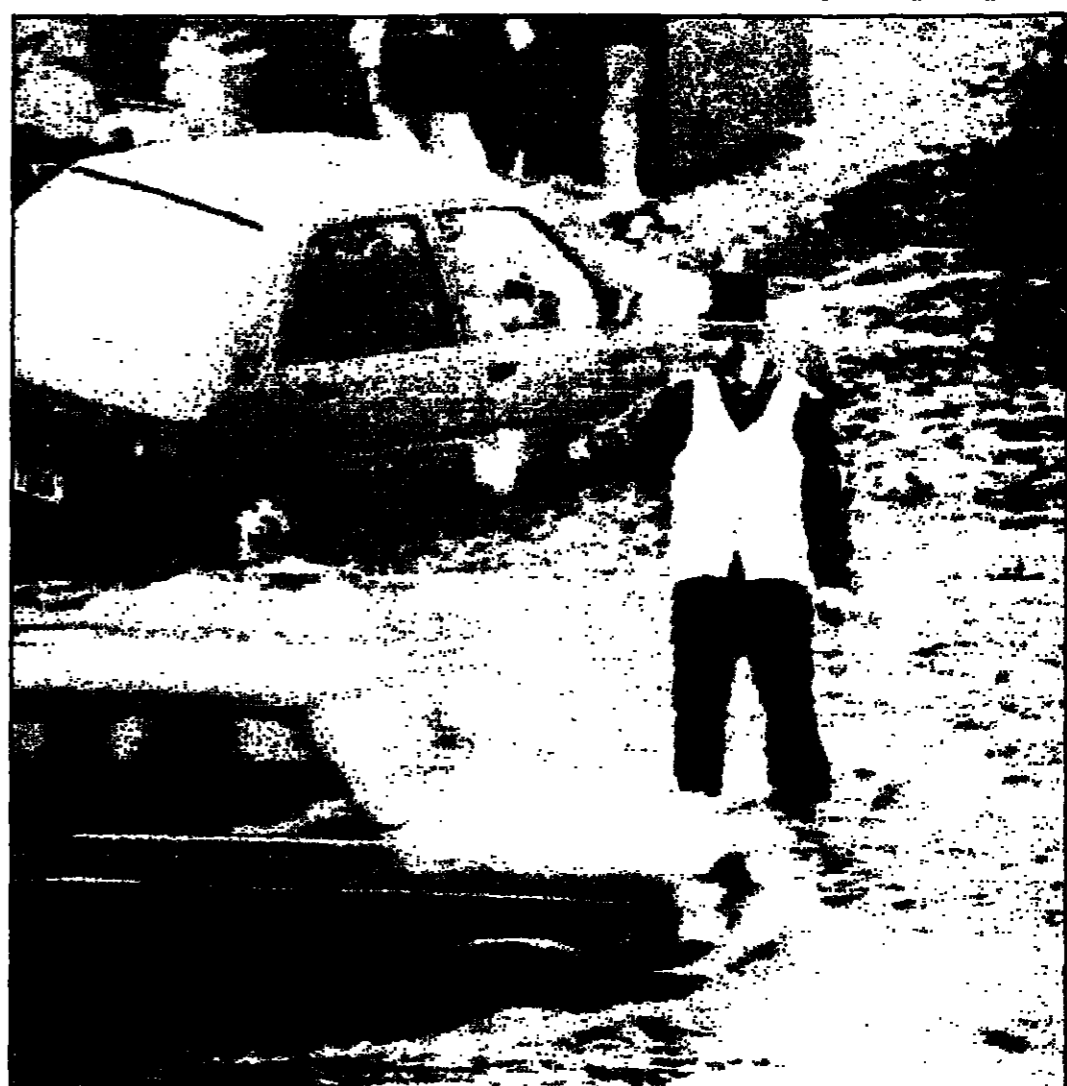
An administration official who spoke on the condition of anonymity said the president still does not want to ban domestic-made semi-automatics.

"He doesn't want any new gun laws," the official said, adding he did not think Congress would approve any.

Wayne Lapiere, executive director of the NRA, said the Bush administration's ban on imported semi-automatics violates the constitutional right to bear arms.

In a statement, Lapiere said his 2.8 million-member organisation "will fight this decision in the courts, on Capitol Hill and at the ballot box."

James Bernstein of the National Association of Police Organizations hailed the import ban, but called for "congressional action to finish the job" by passing legislation to prohibit American-made assault weapons.



## Ahoy there matey!

A policeman directs traffic through floods outside Edgemark cricket ground 2, Thursday. A heavy rain storm stopped play during the third test match between England and Australia. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Luscious leftovers Chef caters to homeless

WASHINGTON, July 8, (AP): Thanks to entrepreneur Robert Egger, residents of two women's shelters in a shabby Washington neighbourhood will sit down Friday night to feast on salmon, tenderloin or beef, leeks, Japanese mushrooms and new potatoes, with New York cheesecake for dessert.

"Nothing is too rich or exotic for the homeless," says Egger, who runs a non-profit food service for Washington's street people. "Salmon is a big hit. People love smoked fish and roast beef. Fresh strawberries are a big-ticket item. Their eyes really light up when they get strawberries."

Egger is founder and executive director of DC Central Kitchen, a two-man operation that collects unwanted leftover food from hotels, restaurants and catering companies every day and delivers it within 24 hours to homeless shelters, soup kitchens and churches around the city.

"We're the Federal Express of Washington food," says Egger. Since his refrigerator-equipped van began plying the streets last January, Egger estimates he and his partner, Alex Tait, have picked up 15 tons of unwanted food worth about \$60,000, and provided roughly 10,000 free meals to the poor, elderly and the homeless of the capital.

The salmon and roast beef leftovers that Egger picked up from a catered dinner party Wednesday night for 400 guests at the national building museum are standard gourmet fare on the Washington party circuit. But they are rarely found in the garbage cans that many street people rummage through in search of a meal.

Egger has gotten calls to pick up bags of coconut, pots of scallop creole, pans of Mexican beans and rice, bowls of pasta and octopus salad. He gets 20 to 40 leftover pizzas three times a week from one restaurant chain. When an ice cream store closes its doors near Dupont Circle, it gives him 48 five-gallon tubs of its frozen confessions.

Nobody knows how many of the homeless are wandering the streets of Washington, but estimates range from 5,000 to 15,000 people.

Egger says his operation serves about 30 feeding programmes around the city, with generous support from churches, foundations, corporations and charities.

His lengthy list of food donors also includes corporate employee cafeterias, congressional offices on Capitol Hill, various Smithsonian museums and galleries, the National Academy of Sciences, a French bakery (where he gets day-old croissants) and scores of trade associations and lobbying groups that frequently wine and dine their clients.

Every gift of giveaway food is rewarded with a tax-deduction receipt.

Egger, 31, has been working in Washington restaurants, nightclubs and bars since he was graduated from high school.

He and his wife, Claudia, volunteered — reluctantly at first — for a church parish project, in collaboration with other Georgetown churches, to cook and deliver meals to people sleeping on street grates in downtown Washington.

"Most people think their actions don't matter," Egger said, "but I realised that with a little bit of effort, you can make a difference in people's lives. It didn't hurt. In fact, I really enjoyed it."

After a while, Egger concluded it was a waste of money to feed the homeless "when so much food is being thrown away." He began soliciting local food establishments for their leftovers.

"Then it dawned on me," he said. "Why bother just to pick up and deliver food when there's this golden opportunity to train people? While we're feeding people who are waiting in line, we could train them so they can step out of the line."

Egger is busy renovating an abandoned neighbourhood cafe in a row house shared with a woman's shelter. It will be the permanent home for DC Central Kitchen.

Egger plans by August to open the kitchen and start a programme where homeless trainees can learn professional food preparation skills and use their experience to land jobs in local hotels and restaurants.

## Food fight Do-gooder sentenced

SANTA CRUZ, California, July 8, (AP): A woman will spend 45 days in jail for serving food to the city's street people.

Sandra Lorange, 49, of Santa Cruz, who was charged with not having a permit to provide the food, was given the jail term Thursday by Municipal Court Judge Robert Atack.

Lorange, standing outside the courtroom, promised to keep feeding hungry people in Santa Cruz, a popular coastal city.

"I fully intend to keep on doing it," said Lorange, who does not have to begin her jail term until next week. She added she would stop her activities "only if unconditional food is made available (to the poor) on a daily basis ... but not until."

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## FDA bans potions for baldness, better sex

WASHINGTON, July 8, (AP): The US Food and Drug Administration says people who turn to over-the-counter potions to prevent baldness or improve their sex lives aren't getting what they pay for.

To protect the public from fraudulent claims, the FDA is banning non-prescription anti-baldness creams and lotions and aphrodisiac products.

Though over-the-counter hair-growth products have dwindled in number since the agency indicated in 1985 that it wanted to remove the products from the market, "They have continued to be an area of considerable fraud."

"The ban of all such products will provide a greater and more uniform protection to the public," the FDA said.

Few of these types of products are on the market, and those available usually are sold by mail or through barbers or beauticians.

"The industry has been anticipating this for a long time," John T. Walden, a spokesman for the Non-prescription Drug Manufacturers Association, said yesterday after the federal agency announced plans to ban the two products.

The number of companies marketing non-prescription aphrodisiacs also has declined in anticipation of a ban. No manufacturer defended its product during the agency's review.

The bans will become effective in six months.

For anti-baldness products, the ban applies to those available without a prescription that are used externally.

The FDA product approved by the FDA for stimulating hair growth on the crown of the head is a prescription drug that is two per cent solution of minoxidil, which is applied to the scalp. The drug is manufactured by the Up John Co. and sold under the name Rogaine.

The FDA also said it will ban on a case-by-case basis vitamins, food supplements or other products taken orally that claim to grow hair or retard baldness because no evidence exists proving they work.

An FDA advisory panel recommended the ban after it evaluated a number of ingredients in anti-baldness medicines, including lanolin, olive oil, wheat germ oil and vitamins. The panel found none of these prevented baldness or promoted hair growth.

The FDA said that once the ban is in effect, manufacturers of any non-prescription remedy claiming to prevent baldness or grow hair will have to provide proof that it is safe and effective before it can be sold.

Ingredients commonly found in products billed as aphrodisiacs include cantharides, a chemical derived from the dried bodies of beetles, estrogens, strychnine, yohimbine, fennel, mandrake, anise, licorice and zinc, the FDA said.

Some of these are contained in food products, but none of those would be covered by the ban unless specifically labelled as an aphrodisiac.

## Mannequin built to catch a thief

## Anne Droid's no dummy

DENVER, July 8, (AP): Anne Droid looks like a typical mannequin, except for an unusual wrinkle in one eye. That wrinkle means Anne Droid can "see" you. She also can "hear" and even "remember."

Anne Droid — named after the "androids" popular in science fiction — is a surveillance mannequin designed to watch for shoplifters, an idea that has caught the eye of some retailers.

"My wife is a jeweller," says F. Jerry Gutierrez, Anne Droid's creator. "We were in a jewellery store and they had a TV monitor set up, but I couldn't find the camera. Then the jeweller showed me this tiny thing and I thought ... 'that would fit in a mannequin.'"

At the time, Gutierrez's job was to restore mannequins — a business he started when he was laid off as a carpenter.

Now, the 40-year-old Gutierrez has designed a line of mannequins with built-in cameras and micro-

phones, which he hopes business owners will use to fight shoplifting.

Gutierrez inserts a miniature camera behind a mannequin eye, and the image is projected on a monitor. For sound, a microphone is placed in one nostril. Everything the mannequin sees or hears can be recorded on videotape.

"It's got a perspective no other surveillance system has," said Eric Freehling, who owns Odyssey Jewelry and Watch Out Watches in Denver.

He said when he first heard about Gutierrez's mannequins he was interested only in getting one for his store.

A partnership developed, as did a spinoff from the mannequin restoration business called Anne Droid Security Systems. Freehling pitched in \$115,000 to help launch it.

Basic security mannequins cost about \$2,400, not including extras such as a time-lapse videocassette recorder, Gutierrez said.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Bus hijacked

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 8, (UPI): Six escaped prisoners hijacked a bus with 34 people aboard and led police on a five-city chase across northeastern Brazil before being stopped yesterday in a shootout that left three fugitives dead.

Ten people were wounded in the cross-fire between the escapees and police, including nine passengers and a 10-year-old boy who lived on a farm where the gunmen finally were trapped.

The six fugitives, armed with shotguns and revolvers, broke out of the Lencas Brito Jail Thursday afternoon in the city of Conceicao do Coite, 1,200 miles (1,900 km) northeast of Rio de Janeiro, and shortly afterward held up a bank and a gas station, police said.

## Canada protests

WASHINGTON, July 8, (UPI): Canada protested to the United States yesterday over the seizure of two Canadian fishing boats in international waters off the coast of Alaska.

The State Department said that the two vessels were fishing in US territorial waters Thursday near the tip of the Alaskan peninsula. The department said that Coast Guard vessels chased the Canadian boats, stopped them and escorted them to Ketchikan, where they were charged with illegal fishing.

A US spokesman confirmed that the Canadian government sent a diplomatic protest yesterday about the US seizure.

## Flight tests

WASHINGTON, July 8, (AP): The Pentagon has announced that the first flight tests for the B-2 Stealth bomber will be held during a 15-day period beginning tomorrow.

The controversial plane is the most radical and expensive bomber ever built.

Critics in Congress have expressed opposition to footing the bill for planes, which could cost anywhere between \$500 million and \$750 million a copy before the first plane has ever gotten off the ground.

## F-16 engines found

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, July 8, (Reuters): The FBI said yesterday it had found three missing F-16 fighter jet engines, but a news report suggested they may never have been lost.

A spokesman at Hill Air Force base, near Salt Lake City, Utah, said yesterday that the 20-foot-long (6 metres), 3,500-pound (1,600 kg) engines, each worth \$2 million had disappeared.

## Tanks melted

STOCKHOLM, July 8, (AP): A Swedish steel mill, profiting from perestroika, is melting down old Soviet tanks to make car parts and steel pipes, a company spokesman said yesterday.

"It is good scrap metal, heavy and compact," said Verner Riisager, an executive of Ovako Steel in Hofors, 200 kms (120 miles) north of Stockholm.

## 27,000 birds killed

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, July 8, (AP): Oil contamination from the Exxon Valdez spill has killed about 27,000 sea birds and the death toll can be expected to increase for at least a few more months, the US Fish and Wildlife Service said.

"We just don't know how long it is going to go on," said Vivian Mendenhall, marine bird co-ordinator at the agency's Anchorage office.

## Fishermen paid

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, July 8, (AP): Exxon began handing out \$10,000 cheques to commercial fishermen after the Alaska Department of Fish and Game closed much of Cook inlet to salmon fishing as a result of the nation's worst oil spill.

An opening had been scheduled yesterday for net fishing, but the discovery of more tar balls on beaches roughly halfway into Cook inlet prompted the state to cancel all fishing in the southern half of the inlet.

## Leg amputated

MEDICINE HAT, Alberta, July 8, (AP): A British soldier's leg was amputated yesterday after he and two companions hit and detonated a buried explosive while digging a trench at Canadian forces base Suffield.

"They were taken to (Medicine Hat) hospital with serious foot injuries, and two were transferred to Calgary," said Capt. Bob Thomas, Canadian forces base Suffield information officer.

## Black man attacked

JOHANNESBURG, July 8, (Reuters): A black South African worker attacked by dogs owned by his white employer was scared to fight back because he said "If you hit the dog, the boss (boss) beats you," a newspaper for blacks said yesterday.

The "boss" was farmer Jacobus Vorster, the centre of controversy last year when a judge gave him only a suspended jail sentence and a fine for killing one of his black workers.

## Proclamation

WASHINGTON, July 8, (AP): President George Bush, saying he looks forward to next week's visit to France, signed a proclamation yesterday to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the fall of the Bastille and the close ties between France and the United States.

The president said there is a close connection between the United States bill of rights and the French declaration of the rights of man.

## Detonation

BOGOTA, Colombia, July 8, (AP): Leftist guerrillas, apparently intent on ending Colombia's oil exports, reportedly detonated explosives along the country's biggest pipeline yesterday for the 24th time this year.

Yesterday's attack, reported by the state oil company Ecopetrol, was the 107th time the National Liberation Army guerrillas have targeted the pipeline since it opened three years ago.

## Airlines could face fines

## FAA toughens policy

WASHINGTON, July 8, (AP): The government announced a stricter policy yesterday to deal with threats against aviation, including a system that requires airlines to take countermeasures and imposes fines for disclosing security alerts.

A Federal Aviation Administration order, which will go into effect on Monday, replaces the system of issuing security bulletins, which was criticised after the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Scotland last December that killed 270 people. Notices of threats against US airlines on the flight's route were posted in at least one foreign embassy but not distributed to the general public.

Under the new order, individuals or airlines that disclose information from government security alerts without FAA authorisation will be fined up to \$1,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for airlines.

FAA spokesman John Leyden said the system for alerting airlines will now include two

## Fliers want security

LONDON, July 8, (AP): Most frequent fliers are willing to pay a levy to finance tighter airline security, says a survey published yesterday.

Ching responses from 1,220 travellers who answered its questionnaire, Interavia Aerospace Review said 48 per cent are dissatisfied with present security procedures at airports they fly from.

The magazine, which will publish the findings in its next issue appearing Monday, said it conducted the survey with the International Federation of Airline Passengers Associations, a consumer pressure group.

It said 84 per cent said yes to the idea of paying a nominal levy on every ticket purchased if it would finance airport security improvements without slowing passage through airport controls. Of these, 26 per cent were willing to pay above \$10, it said.

Fifty-one per cent said they would be inconvenienced if a ban was imposed on taking electronic appliances such as radios and computers aboard planes, the magazine reported.

types of advisories: information circulars and security directives.

The information circulars will deal with general threats of hijackings, bombings or other terrorist actions, Leyden said.

"They are basically a heads-up warning and would require no particular action," he said.

The security directives, however, would require countermeasures by an airline, such as

additional baggage inspections, Leyden said. These would be in response to specific threats against an airline, an airport or an individual flight and might include such information as the threatened time and method of attack, he said.

Previously, airlines were not required to take any specific actions in response to security bulletins.

## My family still at risk: North

Ollie may enter politics

ORLANDO, Florida, July 8, (AP): Former White House aide Oliver North said yesterday he won't rule out running for Congress, although his conviction in the Iran-Contra affair means he can't hold federal office.

North acknowledged he must first overcome "tremendous legal problems" from the scandal but, in his first speaking appearance since being spared prison time on Wednesday, the former White House aide said he had other matters on his mind.

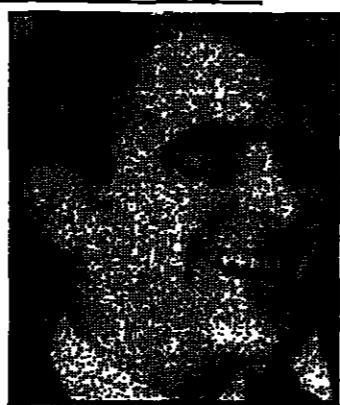
"I deeply believe my first responsibility is to my family, which is still at risk from Abu Nidal and other terrorists, who have offered to take me out," he told members of the College Republicans National Committee.

North, 45, was given a three-year suspended sentence, fined \$150,000 and ordered to perform 1,200 hours of community service for his role in a secret scheme to sell weapons to Iran and use the profits to arm the Nicaraguan rebels, known as Contras. The scandal was the largest of President Ronald Reagan's eight-year administration.

North will spend two years on probation.

He spoke to about 400 representatives of Republican Party clubs in schools throughout the country after a fund-raiser to raise money for his defence costs earlier in the day in Tampa.

Asked if he would have done anything differently while work-



North

ing to aid the Contras, North said, "I deeply believe many people could have done much more to explain the cause of Nicaraguan resistance so that we wouldn't have had the on-again, off-again, down-again situation in Washington that has been so despicable to those people."

The former Marine was among friends.

"He did absolutely nothing with any criminal intent," said Susan Brackin, the Republican group's executive director. "Of course we're very, very relieved that Col North will not be spending any time in jail. It would be a complete disgrace for what we consider a national hero to have to spend time in prison."

Meanwhile, fundraiser Carl R. "Spitz" Channell was placed on two years' probation for illegally using a tax-exempt foundation to help North raise donations for the Nicaraguan rebels.

## Crowe sees new era

Superpower relationship

WASHINGTON, June 8, (AP): Adm. William J. Crowe, retiring head of the joint chiefs of staff, said his historic 11-day visit to the Soviet Union revealed the superpowers are entering a period of "uneasy transition" that "does not ... make me feel comfortable."

Crowe, in a speech yesterday before the National Press Club, said he hopes the two military giants are moving toward a new era in the superpower relationship, but "to conclude that we are already there would be a serious mistake."

The 64-year-old admiral, speaking a day after US President George Bush rejected a new call from Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev for talks to eliminate short-range nuclear missiles in Europe, said he believes the United States should avoid "dramatic counter-responses" to Kremlin initiatives.

Crowe met for more than an hour with Gorbachev two weeks ago in Moscow during his president-setting tour of once-secret Soviet military installations and visits with Soviet military officers.

It was the first formal visit of a joint chiefs chairman to the Soviet Union.

## Govt loses legal battle

## Thatcher fails to bar 'Inside Intelligence'

LONDON, July 8, (AP): The British government has lost a legal battle to stop publication of a book in which a retired intelligence agent describes spying in the East bloc.

The ruling Thursday by Britain's top court, the House of Lords, on "Inside Intelligence" by Anthony Cavendish, was the second major defeat for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's attempts to gag former intelligence agents.

Last October, the law lords rejected a long and costly attempt through British and foreign courts to ban publication of "Spy Catcher," the memoirs of another ex-agent, Peter Wright.

The five lords ruled that since the government acknowledged that Cavendish's book was not a

threat to national security, they could not bar publication.

Two Scottish newspapers and Scottish television, which fought the case, hailed the judgement as a victory for press freedom over what critics call the excessive secretiveness of the Thatcher government.

"It was an overweening use of government authority," said Arnold Kemp, editor of the Glasgow Herald.

The government had barred distribution in Britain of last December's issue of the US magazine Harper's because it carried excerpts from Cavendish's book.

The memoirs by Cavendish, an operative from 1948-53 in the M16, which gathers foreign intelligence, describe spying in East bloc countries.

## Greek coalition to face vote

ATHENS, July 8, (Reuters): Greece's conservative-communist coalition faces a confidence vote in parliament early tomorrow, the final hurdle before moving to prosecute former Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu and other defeated socialists.

The unprecedented odd-couple alliance, made after an inconclusive election in June, has 173 seats in the 300-seat parliament and should easily survive the vote.

The conservative New Democracy Party and Communist Party joined forces on July 2 with the sole objective of prosecuting PASOK socialist wrongdoers. A vote of confidence must take place within 15 days of a new government being formed and before other matters are raised. The coalition can then start to lift immunity from criminal prosecution for as many as 15 former Socialist ministers who served under Papandreu during his eight years in power.

The coalition sworn in last Sunday vowed that top names would be investigated and prosecutions begun before elections in early October.

New Democracy, which heads the coalition, said during debate before the coalition's first confidence vote that it wanted immunity lifted for Papandreu in connection with a multi-million-dollar bank embezzlement scandal. The communists quickly agreed.

It also wanted immunity lifted for former justice minister Agamemnon Koutsogiorgas, former public order minister George Petros, former national economy minister Dimitris Tsoulas and former finance minister Panayiotis Koulakiotis.

More than \$200 million vanished at the private bank of Crete before the scandal broke last October. Socialists have been accused of complicity in an embezzlement scheme and of trying to cover up the affair.

The bank's former owner, George Koskotas, said Papandreu's government approved a plan to pocket interest payments on state accounts at the bank. The Socialist-appointed heads of 14 state companies have been charged in the scandal.

The campaign to lift immunity prompted Petros' lawyer to say on Thursday: "All the alleged crimes took place but he (Petros) is innocent." Petros has said he only followed orders.

Papandreu, 70, the flamboyant and unrepentant politician who has dominated Greek politics for years, stayed at home in the suburb of Ekali during the debate. He is recovering from pneumonia.

"I denounce the new attempt to eliminate me politically because PASOK and I are a hindrance to the plans of the coalition partners, who have no principles," he said in a statement today.

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## Warsaw Pact seeks nuclear-free Europe

Honecker ill, flies home

BUCHAREST, July 8, (AP): The Soviet Union and its Warsaw Pact allies signed an agreement today to seek a nuclear-free Europe with significantly fewer soldiers and arms, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported.

The document approved by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and other East bloc leaders calls for creating "a stable and secure Europe, free from nuclear and chemical weapons, for substantial cuts in armed forces, arms and military spending." Tass reported.

Gorbachev signed the red-covered text of the 16-page accord with a bold flourish and a smile for photographers, who were allowed to attend a brief signing ceremony. It took place in a glittering marble-columned hall in Bucharest's former royal palace.



Gabid reacts to a question at a news conference in Istanbul. (Reuters wirephoto)

## OIC to ask for sanctions

Forced Bulgarian assimilation

ISTANBUL, Turkey, July 8, (Agencies): The head of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference said today he will ask the 46 member countries to take measures against Bulgaria because of its forced assimilation campaign against ethnic Turks.

OIC Secretary-General Hamid Al Gabid, the former premier of Niger, arrived Thursday on a fact-finding mission and visited camps on ethnic Turkish refugees in the border provinces of Edirne and Kiriakli yesterday.

He told a news conference today that his investigation showed the ethnic Turkish minority in Bulgaria has been subjected to a forced assimilation campaign.

More than 120,000 ethnic Turks have fled to Turkey because of that campaign in Bulgaria.

Al Gabid said after his visit that the Turkish government was doing a good job in taking care of the refugees.

He said he would submit a report to member countries that will propose political or economic sanctions against Bulgaria. He did not elaborate but said the sanctions will not be binding, that each country can decide how to handle the issue.

Meanwhile the Bulgarian government has issued a civilian mobilisation decree that empowers authorities to send citizens anywhere in the country to work in "emergencies" that threaten the national economy.

Bulgaria's state council issued the decree on June 30, but it was not published until this week, diplomats said. Excerpts of the decree were made available to the Associated Press yesterday.

According to the decree, men aged 18 to 60 and women between 18 and 55 can be mobilised

nation-wide or on a regional basis. It did not say for how long.

The Bulgarian ethnic Turks make up the main workforce in parts of eastern and southern Bulgaria, especially in agriculture, tobacco and food production.

Turkish Premier Turgut Ozal said earlier this week that Bulgaria was suffering labour shortages and economic hardships as a result of the massive exodus of ethnic Turks.

Austrian television this week showed film footage from Bulgaria of fields strewn with unharvested fruit and vegetables lying on the ground.

Exempted from mobilisation under the decree are expectant mothers, mothers with children under 7 and invalids.

"Those who evade civilian mobilisation or without a plausible reason fail to fulfill their assignments will be fined" up to 2,000 leva (about \$3,000) the decree said.

Under the decree, citizens can be mobilised at industrial enterprises or state farms plagued by a shortage of manpower and get paid according to undisclosed norms established by the council of ministers.

Diplomats in Sofia said they had no information that any mobilisation had begun and there was no indication in the published decree of when it would be put into effect.

The Vatican newspaper today expressed alarm at a flight of ethnic Turks from a forced assimilation programme in Bulgaria and called for a bilateral accord with Turkey on their future.

"The exodus of the refugees is made more alarming by the circumstances in which it has occurred," the semi-official Osservatore Romano said in an editorial.

In remarks yesterday at a palace dinner for the East bloc's top Communist Party and government officials, Gorbachev said the documents adopted by the Warsaw Pact in the two-day annual summit meeting contain a "serious palpable answer to the proposals made by the NATO countries."

US President George Bush on May 29 called for cuts in US and Soviet troops to 275,000 soldiers on each side stationed in Europe, outside the Soviet Union, and for reductions in weapons and combat aircraft.

"We took new steps today toward European security and rapprochement and East-West dialogue," Gorbachev said.

East German leader Erich Honecker flew home early this morning suffering from an illness that was serious enough for him to miss the signing ceremony, officials said.

The 78-year-old leader's illness was described as a gallbladder ailment by the East German news agency ADN as "acute biliary trouble" by the Romanian news agency Agerpres and as a kidney problem by Romanian officials in Bucharest. Bile ducts carry digestive fluids from the liver or gallbladder to the intestinal system.

No other information on Honecker's condition was immediately available.

Gorbachev expressed the hope that the new East Bloc agreement will allow the two military alliances in Europe to rapidly and successfully complete negotiations for arms reductions.

"I think one could say that, owing to our comrades talk today, one more serious step was taken offering prerequisites for the further progress of the all-European process," Gorbachev said at the dinner.

The Soviet leader said the pact's "important resolution" will help narrow the gap between NATO and the East bloc and bring success at the negotiations in Vienna, Austria, on a reduction of conventional weaponry in Europe.

Gorbachev's host, Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, told the dinner the Warsaw Pact declaration expresses the East bloc's firm determination "for the conventional arms reductions talks in Vienna to end with the best possible results and in the shortest possible time."

He renewed what he termed the Soviet bloc's "appeal to NATO to give up its policy of nuclear deterrence" and expressed hope that new steps by the East bloc would draw a favourable response from the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Soviet spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said yesterday the summit discussions also would include Warsaw Pact's role in a changing world.

There was speculation in Bucharest that the documents to be issued at the end of the summit today might provide details to Gorbachev's proposal in France on Thursday for further reducing the Soviet nuclear arsenal.

## NATO: Our way works

LONDON, July 8, (AP): NATO's supreme commander in Europe, Gen. John Galvin, said yesterday that Western tracking of the pilotless MIG-23 that zoomed across Western Europe undetected by Soviet radar proved the Allied "alert system" works.

Galvin also reacted coolly to an offer Thursday by Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev to make another unilateral cut in short-range nuclear missiles, saying, "the main thing threatening us is overwhelming (Soviet) conventional forces."

"I question whether or not we are in a safer world in Europe today than we were, say, 10 years ago," Galvin told a meeting of American reporters.

Galvin said two US F-15 fighters scrambled from a NATO base in the Netherlands "as a policing action" as the runway plane crossed into Western Europe on Tuesday.

Kohl failed to give a clear answer and the publishers then turned to federal prosecutor Kurt Rebmann, Ms Ramsauer told the Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Rebmann told the publishers there was an arrest warrant for Wolf in West Germany for "espionage activity," Rebmann said he would take all legal steps against Wolf, including an arrest order, if the former spy chief ever came to West Germany, according to Ms Ramsauer.

A spokeswoman for the Claassen-Verlag, a Duesseldorf publishing house, said Thursday the publishers had planned to invite Wolf to West Germany for a presentation of the book.

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Walesa dons hat

Lech Walesa dons a Solidarity hat. The Polish free trade union leader said in an interview published on Thursday that he wanted to visit the Soviet Union immediately. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 'US should never give futile promises'

BUDAPEST, July 8, (UPI): President Bush, in an interview with the Hungarian press released today, said the United States should never make "futile promises" of support as in 1956 but should encourage economic changes in Eastern Europe that could "lead to greater Western assistance."

Bush also offered condolences for the death last week of former Communist Party leader Janos Kadar, who was installed by Moscow after Soviet troops put down the uprising, and said although there were mixed feelings about him especially among Hungarian Americans, "I see him as a man who has served his country."

The interview was held in Washington last week in advance of his July 11-13 visit to Hungary with the newspaper Magyar Nemzet of the Patriotic Peoples' Front, the Communist Party daily Nepszabadsag, the government daily Magyar Hirlap and the official news agency MTI.

"I think a country like the United States should never give futile promises and encourage others to become like us, and we must not pose problems to another nation in this way," Bush said.

"I don't know what people in the street expected in 1956, but if they expected us to come out with a military confrontation with the Soviet Union, then their expectations were exaggerated," he added. "But I say that we identify ourselves with those youngsters who went to the barricades."

The United States was severely criticized after the invasion for the Hungarian-language broadcasts into the country by the Munich-based US radio station Radio Free Europe encouraging resistance with veiled promises of US aid.

## Stalin gets blamed for dissension

MOSCOW, July 8, (Reuters): The Communist Party newspaper Pravda today blamed Soviet ethnic disorders on a forced migration of minorities under dictator Josef Stalin and the country's extreme centralisation of power.

The paper, referring to unrest in various Soviet republics, defended Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's "perestroika" reform policies.

The comment came a day after the official Tass News Agency reported fresh clashes between Armenians and Azerbaijanis in the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region.

"Stalin's great removal of the peoples," carried out with the ferocity of (Mongol conqueror) Genghis Khan, has proved to be a mine hidden for decades that has exploded only now," Pravda said.

The newspaper also singled out the extreme concentration of economic and political power in the hands of central authorities as a potent source of regional tension.

"Insofar as the ministries and national departments are located in Moscow, any colonial policies are inclined to be identified with the capital," it said.

Pravda said some people wrongly blamed Gorbachev's economic reform policies for the troubles.

In the latest flareup, two people were wounded in a gun battle between rival Armenians and Azerbaijanis, and troops were used to restore order, Tass said yesterday.

At least 90 people died in the past 18 months in the dispute over Nagorno-Karabakh, a part of Azerbaijan claimed by Armenia.

## Former spy chief faces arrest in West Germany

FRANKFURT, West Germany, July 8, (AP): Markus Wolf, the former East German spy chief turned author, faces criminal proceedings and possible arrest if he ever shows up in West Germany to promote his book, officials said yesterday.

A West German publishing house said it was scrapping plans to invite Wolf to West Germany to attend a presentation of his book after the federal prosecutor said Wolf could be arrested and tried in West Germany.

Wolf, 66, headed East Germany's foreign intelligence operations for 29 years until he retired in 1987. Willy Brand resigned as West German

chancellor in 1974 after one of his closest aides was unmasked as a hand-picked spy for Wolf.

In March, Wolf talked to Western reporters when his book, "Troika," was released in his communist homeland. He indicated then that West Germany's federal prosecutor might be against a book-promotion tour of West Germany.

A spokeswoman for the Claassen-Verlag, a Duesseldorf publishing house, said Thursday the publishers had planned to invite Wolf to West Germany for a presentation of the book.

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## Afghan troops capture key city

SAMARKHIEL, Afghanistan, July 8. (AP): A few days ago, Samarkhiel was a key base for Afghan mujahideen rebels besieging government forces in the strategic city of Jalalabad, 12 kilometres (seven miles) to the northwest.

Now, both Jalalabad and Samarkhiel seem under firm government control as the Kabul government's forces press their offensive against the rebels.

Samarkhiel looked like an abandoned armoury yesterday. There were thousands of bullets and grenades, hundreds of rockets and even a pair of military boots left by the retreating mujahideen.

A government officer tiptoed along a road, warning journalists brought here by the government to watch for mines left by the rebels.

Inside Jalalabad, Afghan government troops appeared to journalists to be in complete control of the nation's fifth largest city. A general said soldiers were advancing to destroy rebel bases on the frontier with Pakistan, 72 kilometres (45 miles) away.

"Once again, they dreamed to occupy Jalalabad, but once again we have destroyed them," said Lt Gen. Manoly Mengal, the military governor of Nangarhar province.

**Test**  
The battle for Jalalabad, the provincial capital, had been considered a key test of strength between government forces and the Muslim mujahideen in the wake of the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan Feb 15.

The mujahideen have acknowledged the loss of Samarkhiel. In Pakistan, a rebel group, blamed the loss on a shortage of weapons and manpower.

But the rebels contended yesterday they had stalled the government offensive outside Jalalabad after the loss of Samarkhiel.

Widely varying reports from government and rebel spokesmen have spoken of several hundred to more than 2,000 deaths in the Jalalabad battle, which began in March.

Capturing Jalalabad, 125 kilometres (75 miles) east of Kabul, would have given the mujahideen a solid base well within Afghanistan to run the interim government they have formed in Pakistan.

The government trip yesterday for journalists was designed to show not only that Jalalabad, which has a population of 64,500, was under control, but that government troops were heading toward rebel bases on the frontier with Pakistan.

"We had information that the opponents were regrouping and planning another attack on Jalalabad," said Mengal, a 41-year-old former doctor who joined the Army after the governing People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan seized power in 1978.

"We decided to strike first, he said. "Our strategy paid off and now we are heading towards the bases on the border with Pakistan."

Pakistan, along with Western powers, has been supporting the mujahideen. Mengal said his forces were "100 per cent ready" to confront Pakistan troops if necessary.

The Afghan infantry backed by artillery fire and air cover was heading yesterday toward Ghazabad, a town of orange groves that is still under guerrilla control.

**Checked**  
Ghazabad, where the orchards provide the guerrillas excellent cover from air attacks, is halfway between Jalalabad and the Pakistan border.

"I can tell you that the opponents are fleeing from Ghazabad," Mengal asserted as he checked the pistol tucked in his battle fatigues. "We are advancing to destroy the last bases of the opponents."

In Jalalabad, about 3,000 residents danced and paraded in the streets yesterday to celebrate the government's advances.

"We feel really safe now," said Mohammad Akbar, a farmer who took up arms against the mujahideen after his two sons were killed in a rebel rocket attack.

## Mahdi faces trial for corruption

Death penalty possible

KHARTOUM, July 8. (Reuters): Toppled Sudanese Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi faces trial for alleged corruption and possible execution after his capture by Sudan's new military rulers.

Mahdi, who came to power in 1986 after Sudan's first free elections in nearly 20 years, was seized in Khartoum on Thursday after being on the run since his overthrow on June 30.

Sudan's new strongman, General Omar Hassan Al Bashir told the British Broadcasting Corporation and Voice of America today that Mahdi would be tried for alleged corruption and economic sabotage and could face the death penalty.

The ousted prime minister is being held with at least 50 politicians associated with his rule. Bashir has said Mahdi and the others would be questioned and if charged would receive fair trials and the right to defence lawyers and an appeal.

## Khalaf to be elected Changes in Fatah likely

BAGHDAD, Iraq, July 8. (AP): Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction is likely to elect Salah Khalaf, one of its two surviving co-founders, as Arafat's deputy at its fifth general conference in Tunisia later this month, Palestinian sources reported today.

Khalaf will replace Khalil Al Wazir, who was assassinated in Tunis in April last year. The move was widely seen as a preliminary step toward his election as deputy commander of the Palestine Liberation Organisation under Arafat, its chairman.

Fatah, founded in 1956 by Arafat, Wazir and Khalaf as a Palestinian underground network, is the biggest faction in the PLO with between 6,000 and 8,000 hardcore fighters.

It also has more than 40,000 non-military members involved in political cadres, labour unions, professional organisations and student groups among the world's 5 million Palestinians.

Khalaf is better known by this nom de guerre of Abu Iyad. Wazir, who was the PLO's

military chief, used the code name Abu Jihad.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, told the Associated Press that the one-week conference was expected to approve major organisational changes in the movement, but that no policy changes were likely.

The conference will also elect a new 12-man central committee. The present committee, elected at the last general conference in Damascus, Syria, in 1980, currently only numbers six members.

Wazir and three others have been killed. Another, Nimr Saleh, was expelled after he defected to a pro-Syrian faction opposed to Arafat's policies.

Arafat will pay an official visit to Italy next September, reliable Arab and Palestinian sources told KUNA today.

The sources said that intensive talks are currently under way to agree on the programme of the visit, taking into consideration the long ministerial crisis in Italy.

## 'Thatcher's cabinet racist' Muslims seek justice

NICOSIA, July 8. (Reuters): British Muslims may have to act outside the law because Britain had refused to bring author Salman Rushdie to trial, an Iranian newspaper said today.

The Iranian news agency IRNA quoted the Tehran Times daily as saying British Muslims would not be responsible however for any violence which resulted.

"Muslims in Britain might have to consider ways that perhaps might not sit well with the desire for co-existence," the newspaper said. "It will be only out of ignorance that one can blame the Muslim community for the violence that might occur," IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, quoted the newspaper as saying.

The paper accused Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's cabinet of being racist and therefore bound not to give justice to Muslims.



Jackson raps Shamir's plan

US civil rights leader Jesse Jackson on Saturday attacked Israeli proposals for Palestinian elections in the occupied territories saying it called for Arab and Israeli destruction.

"It is a formula for co-annihilation and we need a formula for co-existence," Jackson told reporters after talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir bowed this week to demands from his Likud Party hardliners to toughen his stance on the election proposal. He agreed to ban East Jerusalem Arabs from the ballot, to continue Jewish settlement and to prevent the creation of a Palestinian state.

The plan, said Jackson, "does not lead to the expansion of negotiations but leads to further confrontation. Later at a ceremony at Cairo University where he received an honorary degree, Jackson said he believed a two-state solution for the Arab-Israeli conflict would be in the interest of the United States.

Picture shows Mubarak (right) looking at Jackson while greeting him at the start of a meeting in Cairo. (Reuters wirephoto)

"He has accused Mahdi's coalition government of involvement in, or at least turning a blind eye to, widespread corruption and neglecting the armed forces as a prelude to replacing them by a militia."

Bashir has also charged that the 53-year-old former prime minister followed policies which led to Sudan being isolated internationally and fuelled tribal rivalries in western Sudan.

Mahdi, great-grandson of the 19th century Imam Al Mahdi, is not alone in being threatened with death by the military junta.

Bashir has vowed to strike without mercy against black marketeers, hoarders, smugglers and illegal currency dealers on the grounds that their dealings led to Sudan's deep economic problems.

"The man is simply obsessed with the fight against the black market," said a senior Western diplomat after meeting Bashir.

In Addis Ababa, a rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army official (SPLA) reacted cautiously today to Bashir's proposal for unconditional talks to end a six-year-old war in south Sudan.

The official said the SPLA would only make its position towards the new rulers in Khartoum known after it had a clear idea from them on how they intended to put halt the conflict.

"Let him do whatever he likes and make any announcement he wishes. The SPLA will only make its position known after it has received the clearest idea from the new military government on how to resolve the conflict in Sudan," the official told Reuters in Addis Ababa.

State television has meanwhile broadcast extensive film of police and Army raids on warehouses where hundreds of tonnes of food and other supplies were said to be stored by hoarders.

The official media said one warehouse was owned by Idris Al Banna, a member of Mahdi's Umma Party and Sudan's ousted five-man joint presidency. The council and parties were abolished by Bashir.

The official Sudan News Agency (SUNA) said an official delegation led by Bashir's deputy, Brigadier Al Zubeir Mohammed Saleh visited politicians held in Khartoum's Kobar prison yesterday.

Saleh ordered prison authorities to allow relatives to visit the detainees and give them medicines and newspapers, SUNA said.

His visit came after Amnesty International called on Khartoum's new leaders to either charge or free the politicians.

The London-based human rights organisation, said it also wanted assurances that those detained were not being ill-treated and were allowed access to lawyers, doctors and relatives.

## Mediation rejected

ADDIS ABABA, July 8. (Reuters): Ethiopia today rejected a Swedish offer to mediate a negotiated end to the 28-year-old civil war in the north of the country.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Swedish Foreign Minister Sten Andersson had welcomed a recent offer by the Ethiopian government to hold unconditional peace talks with the rebel Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF).

He said Sweden had offered its services as a mediator and that the gesture was welcome. But President Mengistu Haile Mariam had not asked for foreign mediation in the proposed peace talks, merely the presence of a foreign observer, making Sweden's proposal unacceptable, the spokesman said.

EPLF leader Isayas Afewerke said in London last week his movement was ready for immediate unconditional peace talks.

## Libya shot down plane, claims Italian tabloid

ROME, July 8. (AP): A Rome newspaper said yesterday that a Libyan jet shot down an Italian passenger plane in 1980 while the Libyans were chasing a defector.

The cause of the crash of the Itavia DC-9, which killed 81 people, has remained a mystery for nine years.

The daily La Repubblica, in a report naming no sources, said a defector who intended to fly to a NATO base in Sicily was denied permission to land by the Italian government,

which feared antagonising Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi.

The defector, flying a Soviet-made MiG-23, was pursued by Libyan fighter-jets that accidentally shot down the nearby passenger plane, the report said. The defector also crashed, according to La Repubblica.

The newspaper said Italian authorities covered up the incident to avoid straining relations with Libya, and the United States and Libya may also have agreed to hide the truth.

Some of La Repubblica's charges have been mentioned in the past, but it was believed to be the first report linking the Libyan pilot to US intelligence.

There has been no previous published word about a planned Libyan military uprising in spring 1980. However, news reports said Libya's 9th infantry brigade revolted near Tobruk in August 1980, and as many as 400 people were killed or injured in the fighting.



Waiting to cross

A Christian woman and her two children wait for their turn to cross to Muslim West Beirut and buy petrol. Christian areas have been sieged by Syrian-backed forces since mid-March. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Arms scandal probe Ship back in Bombay

VIENNA, July 8. (Reuters): Former Austrian chancellor Fred Sinowatz and two of his former ministers are to be investigated for possible involvement in alleged illegal arms sales to Iran.

The Justice Ministry said yesterday.

A ministry spokesman said Sinowatz, chancellor from 1983 to 1986, former foreign minister Leopold Gratz and former interior minister Karl Blecha were to be investigated for possible violation of Austria's neutrality law and "abuse of office."

All three Socialist Party politicians deny involvement in the scandal.

The decision to open the inquiry, made in conjunction with a state prosecutor, followed the emergence of previously unexamined communications between Austrian ambassadors in the Gulf region and the Foreign Ministry in Vienna, dating from 1985.

The communications, which emerged last weekend, detail arms sales from the Noricum Company, a weapons-manufacturing subsidiary of what was once Austria's largest state-controlled industrial group VOEST.

In 1984, Noricum was found to have been involved in a \$50 million sale of cannon to Iran. Austria's neutrality law bans the

country from selling arms to any state at war. At the time of the sale Iran was fighting Iraq in the Gulf war.

"The documents made available to the Justice Department contain concrete elements of suspicion" against the three politicians, the spokesman said.

According to Austrian newspapers, one of the documents stated that Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Abdullah urged Sinowatz not to deliver 120 cannon to Iran during a 1985 visit to Vienna.

A former aide to Sinowatz, 60, said she could not exclude that

Sinowatz was aware of the documents.

Some 18 Noricum managers are in jail awaiting trial in October accused of illegal arms shipments to Iran, often via third countries including Libya. They are also accused of buying false documents and paying bribes to middlemen.

The discovery that Austrian arms were being used in the Gulf war forced the resignation of Noricum general manager Heribert Apfalter, who died unexpectedly from heart failure in 1987 after the whole affair came to light.

## Agatha Christie remembered Murder, she wrote

BAGHDAD, Iraq, July 8. (AP): In a little mud-brick room on the ruins of old Nimrud, north of Baghdad, an ordinary-looking Englishwoman retired each day from the fierce Assyrian sun to plot mystery and murder.

Locals on the archaeological dig knew the site photographer as Mrs Mallowan. But the books she wrote in the rude little room bore the name of Agatha Christie.

As her archaeologist husband, Sir Max Mallowan, helped chart the dawn of history in the desert hills, Christie sat among Mesopotamian relics and conjured cases for Miss Jane Marple and Hercule Poirot, the fictional detectives of her mystery novels.

Her years at Nimrud, one of the great cities of the Assyrian Empire 1400-600 BC, following World War II capped decades of Middle Eastern travel and archaeological work that left traces scattered throughout her 77 books.

Christie first arrived in the Middle East in 1907, aged 17, for her debutante season in Cairo.

"We spent three months there and I went to five dances every week," she recalled in her 1965 autobiography.

She later set at least two novels in Egypt: "Death on the Nile" and "Death Comes as the End," a tale of love and murder in Thebes of 2000 BC.

A deeper relationship with the area dawned in the 1930s when she took the Orient Express to Turkey and continued on by train and car across the wild Syrian desert to Baghdad.

There she met Mallowan, who she later married. They spent most of the next 20 years bouncing between Britain and archaeological digs in Iraq and Syria.

"She was very unprepossessing to look at," said Iraqi writer and critic Jabra Ibrahim Jabra, who met her in 1949 and for several years afterward.

"She was a very charming person to talk to, very attentive ... with a dry sense of humour. You wouldn't know she was the great Agatha Christie."

Jabra said Christie lived with Mallowan in the former home of King Ali, a house on the banks of the Tigris river that makes a cameo

appearance in her 1951 spy novel, "They Came to Baghdad."

"There was the persistent honking of motor horns, the cries of vendors of various wares. There were hot disputes between small groups of people who seemed ready to murder each other but were really fast friends," she wrote.

All of that remains true today, although the donkeys, horses and mud-brick homes she describes are rapidly giving way to Brazilian-made Volkswagens and concrete high-rises.

The dusty, bouncing road to Babylon she recounts in that novel is now a smooth highway.

And the "meaningless pile of ruined mud and burnt brick" she found there has been resurrected into a freshly whitewashed reconstruction of King Nebuchadnezzar's 6th century BC capital.

Baghdad's Rashid Street is still a major downtown thoroughfare, as it was when Christie first visited, although some of its fancier buildings have decayed.

The Tigris Palace Hotel in which Christie stayed still stands — although she would never recognise the remodelled and cut-rate Ibn Haitham as the graceful hotel that figured in her 1935 book, "Murder in Mesopotamia."

British and American expatriates in Baghdad still gather weekly in a play-reading circle that claims Christie as an early member.

Archaeologists at the British Expedition Office in Baghdad say some of their furnishings are rumoured to have once graced her living room.

Her mud-brick workroom still stands at Nimrud, although it's now used as a storage room.

The creator of the prim and proper Miss Marple has even had the honour of a banned book. Her remembrances of life on the dig's "Come, Tell Me How You Live," was blocked by Iraqi censors because it was considered to be "derogatory."

The once-elegant Orient Palace Hotel still has the marble floors and dim lights she described. But paint peels from the hallway walls and portraits of Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini peer sternly out from the front windows.

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

### Iranian programme

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 8. (AP): A Tehran newspaper today called for greater Iranian government efforts to spread Islam in the United States, Iran's official news agency reported.

Tehran's programme for supporting Islam in America has at best been nearly invisible, and at worst snatched of Iranian colonialism in the name of Islam," the English-language daily Kayhan International was quoted as saying by the agency, monitored in Nicosia.

The programme so far was not detailed.

### Border commission

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 8. (AP): The Iranian-Turkish border commission met for the first time after 14 years today, Iran's official news agency reported.

The meeting in the northwestern Iranian town of Urumiyeh was seen as a further improvement in the recently strained relations between the two neighbours.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, said the Iranian delegation was led by Zeinulabedin Ataei, governor of Iran's west Azerbaijan province.

### Goodwill envoy

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 8. (AP): Iran today named Mohsen Pakaeen as its first ambassador to Zambia, Iran's official news agency reported.

The two countries established diplomatic relations almost two years ago.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, said Pakaeen had previously served as director of the Foreign Ministry's Far East and Oceania Department.

The announcement of his appointment came amid a drive by Iran to improve its relations with African and Asian countries.

### UAE relief aid

ABU DHABI, July 8. (KUNA): United Arab Emirates' President Sheikh Zaid Bin Sultan Al Nahayya has instructed concerned authorities to dispatch relief and medical supplies to Sudan.

Sudan is suffering acute economic crisis, aggravated by civil war in the southern part of the country.

The UAE gesture demonstrates support to Sudan's new leaders who seized power a week ago.

### Jordanian support

AMMAN, July 8. (KUNA): Jordanian Deputy King and Crown Prince Hassan Bin Talal today said the Palestinian people under occupation have given the clear and live model for sacrifice in difficult circumstances they are living.

In a speech inaugurating the fifth conference of Jordanian expatriates, Prince Talal said the Palestinian people have provided the evidence that they are able to confront the occupation and its repressive practices.

### AIDS victim

AMMAN, July 8. (KUNA): Jordanian health officials today said they have discovered a new AIDS victim who developed the fatal disease while he was abroad, it was announced here today.

The man brought to 26 the number of AIDS victims in Jordan of which five were fatal.

The announcement said the concerned authorities were in control of the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in the country, thanks to enlightenment campaigns.

### Turkish message

ANKARA, July 8. (Reuters): Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz will leave for Saudi Arabia tomorrow with a message for King Fahd from President Kenan Evren, believed to involve the plight of the ethnic Turks in Bulgaria.

The Foreign Ministry announced that Yilmaz would give the message to King Fahd on Monday but gave no details.

### Food aid

ROME, July 8. (AP): More than \$8 million in food aid will be provided for displaced families in Lebanon, refugees in Malawi and Somalia, and the hungry in Uganda, the UN World Food Programme said on Wednesday.

The Rome-based agency said the aid will go to 50,000 displaced families in Lebanon, 720,000 Mozambican refugees in Malawi and 600,000 Ethiopian refugees in Somalia.

### Heroin seized

MADRID, Spain, July 8. (AP): Police yesterday seized 12 kilograms (26.4 pounds) of pure heroin and arrested 13 people in what they described as a major operation to dismantle a Turkish-Iranian drug ring.

Madrid judicial police brigade chief Manuel Prieto said the six-month operation ended with the arrests in Madrid of four Turkish men, the alleged leaders of the ring, four Iranian men and a Spanish woman.

### Nuclear test

MOSCOW, July 8. (Reuters): The Soviet Union exploded a nuclear device of up to 20 kilotons today at its test site near Semipalatinsk in central Asia, Tass reported.

The blast at 0347 GMT was part of an upgrading of military hardware, the Soviet news agency said.

It was the fourth underground nuclear test reported by Tass this year. The last was on February 17.

### US civilian award

WASHINGTON, July 8. (AP): President George Bush on Thursday awarded the nation's highest civilian award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, to Gen. James H. Doolittle, public servant C. Douglas Dillon and George Kennan, former Sen. Margaret Chase Smith and comedian Lucille Ball.

### Test flight

WASHINGTON, July 8. (UPI): The \$532 million B-2 Stealth bomber — the most expensive warplane in history — will begin taxiing runs and its first flight test during a 15-day period that begins tomorrow, the Air Force announced yesterday.

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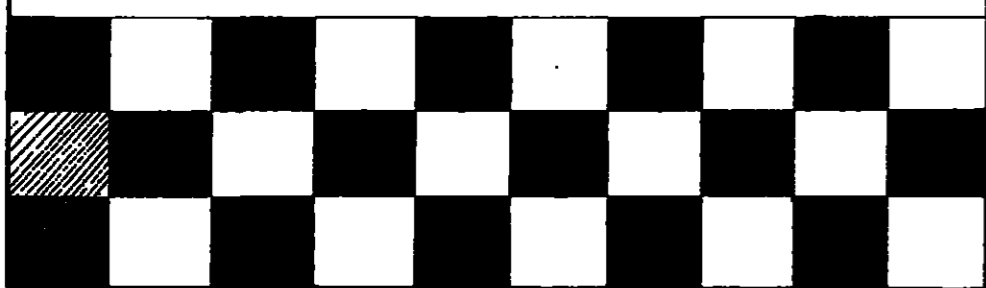
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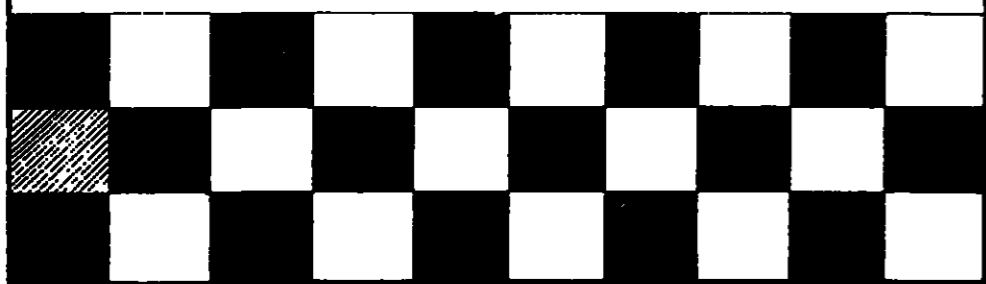
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## Sweden hopes for permanent regional peace

## Envoy in Kuwait leaving soon

By Lims Al Khalefawi  
 Arab Times staff

SWEDEN has long supported the Palestinian right to self-determination and their inalienable right to a Palestinian homeland, according to the outgoing Swedish Ambassador to Kuwait, Ulf Norstrom.

Norstrom who is leaving Kuwait this month on completion of his diplomatic tenure in the country added that his country supports the proposal for an international conference on the Palestinian issue with all parties concerned including the PLO.

With respect to the on-going problems in Lebanon, Norstrom said that Sweden backs moves to withdraw all foreign troops and

supports Arab efforts in mediating to solve the problem.

Norstrom said that the volume of trade between Kuwait and Sweden has increased. Sweden exported goods to Kuwait valued at \$60 million — a 7 per cent increase in 1988 compared to 1987. Sweden's exports to Kuwait are mainly comprised of telecommunications, automobiles, pulp, furniture and paper.

Kuwait's petroleum operations in Sweden are highly successful and Q8 sign is familiar all along Sweden's highways.

In relation to the Arab community in Sweden, Norstrom said that there are about 30,000 Arabs mainly living in major cities and

are employed as doctors, university professors and in other professions.

On the issue of immigration to Sweden, Norstrom said that citizenship can be obtained by those who have lived continuously in the country for five years. Additionally, others who like to work and immigrate can arrange to do so provided they have an employer who can provide them with a work permit. However, Scandinavians can obtain citizenship after two years of residence in Sweden.

In conclusion, Norstrom who resumes his job at the Swedish Foreign Affairs Ministry soon, expressed the hope that the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran will bring about permanent peace to the region.



Ulf Norstrom

## Water, part of national security strategy

THE director of the Water Desalination Department at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) Dr Mahmoud Abdul Jawad has said that water was part of the government's national security strategy.

Speaking to a local daily, Jawad said that his department employed national cadres in experimentation with various water desalination technologies and related studies to ensure maximum economisation of energy employed in the process.

All such projects undertaken by KISR were implemented in co-operation with the Ministry of Electricity and Water and the actual date for this co-operation was the same date for operating Al Doha Water Plant, which used desalination by reverse osmosis technique in 1985/86, the official said.

He added that during that period three pilot plants were operated which used different desalination processes taking into consideration the existing local weather conditions.

He also pointed out that related studies revealed that it was possible to raise the operational efficiency of the reverse osmosis technique to over 90 per cent in a cost effective manner and under local weather conditions.

Jawad added that the process employed "different" types of spiral, minute and hollow film, but the flat-film technique proved inefficient and consequently impractical.

Continued research studies were aimed at reducing the salinity rate in desalinated water, lower use of chemicals and minimum cost, and the efforts dedicated for work on this project received support from the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science (KFAS), Jawad said.

He further added that the department's research programme included three research projects dealing with the initial treatment of seawater, chemical and conventional methods employed in this process, natural filtration of sea water through off-shore wells without the use of chemicals, depending on the steady temperature rate around the year.

He stressed that the films employed in water desalination by reverse osmosis matched international specifications, and that the constant upgrading of these films managed to reduce the cost of the process by 25 per cent, while the two-stage operation was reduced to only one.

The continued advancement made in this field set down a good example for other countries in the region to follow suit and build similar water plants employing the same desalination technique, and that the sale rate of equipment used in the process had risen to 65 per cent over the past three years, Jawad said.

A sheep vendor said that prices per sheep ranged during this season between KD25 to 70, and that sheep sold for sacrificial purposes came from the Arab desert, mainly from Iraq and the commonest species of such sheep type were Nuaimi and Shigghali.

He said that although Turkish sheep were available in the market, selling rates, compared to those of the other types were far lower. Most clients turn away from Australian sheep due to the common belief that

## PACI to aid information transfer

## Civil number for all formalities

KUWAIT Banks Committee have notified the Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI) of their desire to organise and develop the process of monthly payments of government servants, Director-General of PACI, Faisal Al Shaiji said.

Elucidating, the official said that the authority has been requested to add the civil number of employees to the payment list which is to be forwarded to the bank.

Shaiji added that PACI now has data of about two million persons residing in Kuwait and who have completed the registration formalities of the Civil Identification Card. However, the authority continues working on renewal of cards due to change of information of individuals such as addresses, renewal of residence permits and new births.

Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti students are not permitted to submit their applications to Kuwait University or Public Authority for Applied Education and Training if they do not produce their Civil ID's along with the application. However, these students can request for certificates showing their legal



Faisal Al Shaiji

status in relation to the civil card which is issued by the computer within a few minutes, the official said.

Change Shaiji pointed out that Kuwaiti nationals are requested to change their old cards for new ones which have different specifications. The nationals were given a period ending at the end of this year to change their cards. He added that representatives of PACI visit houses to

hand nationals the form for changing the card.

These are to be filled and sent through the PACI's boxes in co-operative societies and some public places. There is no need for them to hand the form to the authority directly, he said. The changing of the card will be free of charge during this period. But after end of the period the citizen will pay two dinars for each card, he said.

## Violations

He pointed out that any person whose card has expired is considered a violator of the law. The expired card means that he does not possess a card and cannot use it in official formalities. Violators would have to pay a fine of KD20 or may also be referred to the court in certain cases. Anyone changing his residence should change his civil card within 30 days of shifting to the new residence, otherwise he will be considered a violator. The authority has its own means to know that he changed his residence. Shaiji advised the public to use the postal service in dealing with PACI which proved efficient and successful. PACI receives between 1,200 to 1,800

formalities from the public through postal service, he said.

## Priorities

The Council of Ministers has asked PACI to provide all ministries with any information they call for on behalf of citizens who desire to complete their formalities at any of the respective ministries. The decision is taken to reduce the burden on ministries that ask for documents from citizens, Shaiji said.

PACI is now studying the priorities of this project and the various benefits that will accrue to the ministries and citizens. The authority can introduce any information efficiently and quickly, the official said.

He added that the authority received a demand from the Civil Service Commission to assist it in facilitating the appointment of Kuwaiti graduates through available information, in addition to a demand from Zakat House to provide it with all required information about people who benefit from donations and two demands from National Housing Authority and KISR to provide them with information and statistics that are requested for project studies undertaken.



## Spanish envoy received

Assistant Army Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Jaber Al Khaled Al Sabah received at his office yesterday the Spanish Ambassador to Kuwait, Juan Jose Arbolio.

## Sheep prices rise as Eid approaches

A LOCAL daily has toured the sheep market in Rai area and interviewed a number of clients and sheep vendors, at a time when sale of sheep is considered at its peak due to the approach of Eid Al Adha, the Feast of Sacrifice.

A sheep vendor said that prices per sheep ranged during this season between KD25 to 70, and that sheep sold for sacrificial purposes came from the Arab desert, mainly from Iraq and the commonest species of such sheep type were Nuaimi and Shigghali.

He said that although Turkish sheep were available in the market, selling rates, compared to those of the other types were far lower. Most clients turn away from Australian sheep due to the common belief that

they lack Arab sheep specifications.

He pointed out that the total number of sheep on daily display for sale at the market during this season exceeded 50,000, compared to only 5,000 during ordinary days.

Another sheep vendor, Atiya Ibrahim Atiya, said that prices per sheep for species other than Arab sheep were KD25, compared to KD40 or 60 for Arabic species. Had it not been for the intense summer heat and the lack of sunshades at the market, the selling rates would have been better, he added.

Hijab Jaber said that only during religious occasions particularly Eid Al Adha do sheep sales go up to 300 head per day compared to only 20 head per day under normal circumstances. The total daily market sale could

jump to over 5,000 sheep.

Falah Abdul Karim, a client, said that he would go to the sheep market a few days before the Eid each year to buy a couple of sheep and that the seasonal crowds at the market were not just because of the occasion. Most clients were occupants of flat-type housing and keeping sheep for the occasion was impossible inside the flat, which explains why so much sale takes place few days before the Eid, he said.

Jaseem Al Mutawa, another client, said that the market witnessed intensive sale during this season and that the unreasonable summer heat and the absence of sunshades, drinking water and public toilets, made it very inconvenient for clients, dealers and animals.

## All medical errors probed: Khatrash

ANY medical errors are thoroughly investigated and legal proceedings are instituted in those cases where negligence has been established, Dr Adel Al Khatrash, director of Sabah Hospital said.

The official said that unawareness of health services offered to the public leads to misunderstandings sometimes between patients and hospital personnel. On the issue of medical errors, Khatrash said that names of

those involved are kept confidential to avoid a break in confidence between patients and doctors.

"Kuwait is a small country and bad news travels fast" the official said and added that mistakes do occur in every part of the world. The hospital receives more complaints against Arab personnel than foreigners, though the latter far outnumber the former.

## Crowds

The official said that the number of doctors are adequate and attribute crowds of patients as a seasonal problem which occurs only during specific periods.

The Sabah Hospital conducts 400 essential surgeries each month in addition to other surgeries conducted at the emergency section. The total number of surgeries undertaken by all hospitals in Kuwait amounts to 2000 monthly.

Dr Ibrahim Abdul Hadi, director of the Maternity Hospital, said that every hospital in

Kuwait conducts its own enquiries on malpractices and all deaths are thoroughly investigated and reports submitted. He said that doctors should not be judged by those people who are not qualified to do so.

He pointed out that bone deformities of some newly born babies may be the result of abnormal positioning inside the mother's womb during pregnancy. As such, he stressed that doctors who administered the birth of the child should not be blamed.

He stressed that people should realise that there is pressure on health services in Kuwait. He added that illnesses may have many surprises which can't be anticipated in advance.

Had added that 30 per cent of delivery cases in Europe are Caesarean, compared to only 5 to 6 per cent of delivery operations conducted in Kuwait. He added that the occurrence of medical errors in Kuwait is little compared with other advanced countries.

## Demand for paramedics in Kuwait, says official

THE dean of the College of Paramedics at Kuwait University Dr Farida Al Awadi has urged secondary science education graduates to enrol at the College of Paramedics, stressing the high demand for paramedical specialisation in the local market.

She told a local daily that paramedical specialisations played a highly complementary role in the medical profession and that Kuwait was one that led to the degree of B.Sc.

She added that these specialisations included physiotherapy, radiology, diagnostic radiology, nuclear medicine, nursing technology and others. Students specialising in paramedics will have to complete medical sciences, while the third and fourth years will be dedicated to field work where training will be carried out under the supervision of well-versed veteran professors from the Faculty of Medicine.

She revealed current contacts were being made with the relevant medical authorities in the United States to secure the necessary authorisation for Kuwaiti students to take the official exams there during months of January and July.

She added that students would be able to sit for the exams in the US in the field of radiological science, nuclear medical technology, and diagnostic radiological sciences.

Awadi said that currently students were in the final study stages with excellent performance and that training was conducted at hospitals such as the Amiri, Sulaybiyah, Addan, Farwaniya and Sabah.

She added that clinical training would start as of the third year, but training in the nursing field was given during the second year, while the college continued its efforts to provide its facilities with top professors with PhD degrees.

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## Premier tours airport

KUWAIT, July 8. (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah today paid a tour of Kuwait International Airport, during which he inspected the airport's various facilities.

HH was greeted by housing minister and acting minister of services, director general of the Civil Aviation General Directorate, board chairman of Kuwait Airways Corporation, director of Kuwait International Airport and other ranking aviation officials.

Sheikh Saad started his tour by inspecting passenger terminal 1, then headed to the Transit Hotel, where he was greeted by the hotel's board chairman.

Afterwards, HH left for the aircraft hangars, where he listened to an explanation from officials of the KAC engineering department on the nature of work in the various workshops and sections of this department.

Then he visited the building of the Kuwait Airways Services Company (KASCO), which furnishes meals to all KAC flights.

HH also visited terminal 2, where he inspected the VIP lounge, the Civil Aviation General Directorate and customs and passport divisions.

Sheikh Saad was accompanied during the tour by ministers of Interior, Finance, State for Municipal Affairs, Communications and acting minister of Public Works and, undersecretary at HH's diwan and Interior undersecretary.

## Maid jumps off 4th floor

ASRI LANKAN maid jumped from the apartment of her employers in the fourth floor of a building in Fintas in an attempted suicide bid. The maid, identified as F.B., threw herself from the fourth floor, where her Kuwaiti employers reside. She was immediately taken to hospital in a very serious condition. The security authorities are investigating into the case to know the reasons for the suicide. A case has been registered in the police station.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Special force

DIRECTOR of the General Traffic Department, Brig. Abdul Hamid Al Hajji said that the Traffic Department will shortly set up a special force and according to official motorcades and to co-ordinate other special official assignments.

"The purpose of creating this force is to facilitate traffic police to concentrate on the supervision of traffic," Hajji said.

The official was speaking to traffic personnel of the capital governorate during an inspection of the department.

### Parking fees

A NUMBER of car owners disagreed with a project intended to impose fees on uncovered parking lots started by the Public Utilities Company.

They pointed out that fees should only be levied at car parking complexes buildings and the plan should not include small areas which are unsuitable to accommodate a large number of cars.

They further believed that the objective of this project is purely financial and not to provide residents with services.

### Health services

GCC citizens will receive health services in the UAE on an equal footing with UAE citizens, according to the Director of Preliminary Health Care and School Health Department Dr Abdulghaffar Mohamed.

The official said that GCC citizens residing in the UAE will be registered at the pertinent health centres and will be given a health card against payment of 50 dirhams. The card will be valid up to 1995.

He added that the relevant decision was adopted recently by UAE's cabinet.

With regard to GCC visitors to UAE, these will have the necessary treatment at the relevant health centres defined by the director of health areas free of charge.

# 305 males tested for AIDS

Paper presented at WHO meet

By Mahmoud Morel

AIDS tests were carried out in Kuwait in August, September and October last year on a number of venereal diseases patients. Director of Public Health and Member of the Anti-AIDS National Committee Dr Rashed Al Uwaish said yesterday. He added that the tests confirmed that all those tested were free of AIDS. He said that 305 persons, all of them men, underwent the

tests. But he warned that this positive result does not mean that all venereal diseases patients are not still threatened by the killer disease.

Dr Uwaish represented Kuwait in the Fifth International Conference on AIDS, recently held in Canada. He submitted a paper on the Kuwaiti national efforts in confronting the disease. He added that Kuwait has been selected by the World Health Organisation, WHO, as

an international reference for awareness information about AIDS.

He said that 11,000 specialists attended the conference and over 3,000 research papers were read. But he said that nothing new came out of the conference.

Plan

Meanwhile an official medical source disclosed today that the Ministry of Public Health will shortly launch a medium-term plan for fighting AIDS. The plan

will include carrying out important AIDS tests on certain sections of people living in Kuwait, expected to be the section most endangered with the disease. These persons will include those who get blood transfusion outside Kuwait and expatriates coming from areas where the disease is widespread. The source described the tests carried on expatriates arriving in Kuwait and persons nominated for government jobs as successful.



Ambassador and Mrs Jha (third and fifth from right) at the farewell reception organised by the Indian community in Kuwait.

Jha bids Kuwait farewell

## Vast potential for Kuwaiti economic ties with India

By Fathima Ahmed

Arab Times staff

THE Indian community in Kuwait is exploring the vast potential of setting up refining industries in India, and the dialogue is in progress, according to outgoing Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha.

Jha, who leaves Kuwait next week to take up his post as Ambassador of India to Belgrade, Yugoslavia, told the Arab Times that it would be "premature to put it into a time frame" but the possibility is being explored by India and the Gulf states.

He said there is "great potential" for sharing expertise in the economic sector, particularly oil.

The growing consciousness among Gulf states to diversify has resulted in a noticeable switch with investments trickling into India, he said. This is one reason for looking at alternate refining facilities.

India and Kuwait have enjoyed stable economic ties. However, during the Gulf war years, Indian exports remained stagnant at around \$100 million per year. However, 1988/89 saw a gradual improvement with value of exports rising to between \$125 million and \$150 million. Trade has picked up.

Jha believes the turning point in long-term economic ties came after a series of events, starting with a seminar held by Arab Petroleum Investment Corporation in Doha in March 1987. It discussed trade and investment between Arab-Gulf states and India. One of the first of such fora, it led to further talk about economic co-operation, generating a great deal of interest, he said.

Later that year, a dialogue between the representatives of OAPEC and the Indian Oil Company began in New Delhi in 1987. Jha sees this meeting as the start of exchange of information.

The Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, headed by K.B. Lal, held a round-table conference in October, 1984, to explore possible areas of co-operation, generating interest in India. Later, India revised its investment policy, making investments easier with simplified rules. It took considerable time

to gain confidence.

One of the first direct investments from Kuwait in the private sector was in the oil sector, when the Kuwait Real Estate Investment Corporation invested \$28.5 million in a polyester project in Maharashtra, India.

The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development recently gave a soft loan of \$285 million for investing in the hydrocarbon industrial sector in India.

Despite the encouraging signs, he said, the "movement of funds" is not fast enough but "it is in motion" and there is a tremendous potential for further co-operation, he added.

In March this year the India Oil Corporation signed an agreement with Kuwait to import crude oil and petroleum products. Kuwaiti exports which hovered around \$250 million went up to about \$400 million this year.

Jha believes that there is a growing tendency to go for self-reliance and self-sufficiency in the Arab Gulf states. This could be reflected in developing economic inter-dependence.

Posting

Jha says he would be rather busy in Belgrade, preparing for the forthcoming meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

In addition to the regular items, NAM leaders would focus their attention on recent developments, particularly apartheid in South Africa and the Palestinian issue and the developments in Namibia. They would also discuss the proposed Middle East peace conference. Jha said there is a "distinct possibility of holding the Middle East peace conference because the two superpowers are working in tandem."

However, Jha feels that NAM would not take a public stand on the proposed elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. "I don't think the movement will pronounce itself publicly on it because it is not entirely free of controversy and it is not as unanimous as it would appear to be," he said.

Jha believes that NAM should "now move on to some of the burning non-political issues, for example ecology."

"Rather than being led by them (the West) there is no harm in taking the initiative on these subjects to tackle the issues," he said.

Born into a family of diplomats, Jha had from an early age set his heart on becoming a public servant. It was either the Indian Administrative Service or the Foreign Service. He has had several foreign postings in his 32 year career, from Nepal to New York, and he says he enjoyed them all.

Kuwait, perhaps, was the most challenging. An articulate diplomat, he found the going tough due to increasing social pressure. "There comes a point when one feels that, socially, it's a strain," he said. Jha, who admits to being "predictably busy," attended most Indian cultural shows during his four years, nine months tenure in Kuwait.

For the first time, he came face to face with expatriate Indians, in bulk, in Kuwait and was involved in settling their collective problems. One issue that was particularly trying was the labour dispute involving non-payment of wages to 1,000 construction workers, which was settled after months of negotiations. He said Kuwait's government had shown great sympathy in settling the labour dispute and the workers were repatriated after receiving two months salary.

Jha, who retires from the foreign service after three years, has been part of the changing diplomatic scene. Now, the emphasis is on economic diplomacy. He feels he has achieved everything any diplomat could ever achieve and is at the peak of his career. In future, he may put his experiences into book form. Why not? he asks. "I might put together my thoughts, and perhaps, write a book one day," he said. For the moment, he is busy packing his bags and saying goodbye.

On Friday, the Indian community hosted a reception for him and Mrs Chhaya Jha at the Indian Arts Circle. This was the first time that all Indian cultural groups joined together to organise a farewell reception.

Jha will be succeeded by Arun Budhiraj.

## Permanent residence still being discussed

STATE Minister for Cabinet Affairs, Rashed Al Rashed said that the issue of permanent residence for expatriates is still being discussed by the Higher Planning Council. He added that so far no decision has been adopted and the Council is studying the issue from all aspects to adopt the appropriate measure. The minister said that the government pays greater attention to achieving a balance in the country's manpower in order to achieve state goals in this connection. He added that a few years ago, Kuwaitis formed only 33 per cent of the government staff but now they form 45 per cent which is a good percentage.

Rashed said that the Planning Ministry and the Higher Planning Council have important figures and information about manpower and the development of Kuwaiti manpower. He added that the government is also concerned with increasing the number of Kuwaitis in the private sector.

He said that the government is in continuous contacts with private sector establishments to encourage them to employ more Kuwaitis. He said that the plans will be worked out to utilise the large number of Kuwaiti graduates from the University and the Applied Authority, by employing them in private sector establishments.

Rashed stressed that the government is keen on providing employment to Kuwaiti graduates according to their different specialties.

He pointed out that the Civil Service Commission established an office for Kuwaiti manpower in order to provide Kuwaitis with adequate jobs. He added that some graduates may be annoyed by the postponement of some appointments. The problem as the minister said, is the fact that some scientific specialties are full and some ministries don't require the specialties of some graduates. On the other hand, they may need some other specialties which may not be available.

Rashed explained that some government ministries, such as Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Justice and the Municipality along with other government establishments grant new graduates a 50 per cent increase in salary, while other employees at other ministries with the same specialty may not obtain the same increase. He pointed out that such a situation will create an unreal unemployment among graduates.

Rashed stressed that the government is fully aware of this issue, co-operation between the Ministry of Planning and the Civil Service Commission in addition to the Higher Education Ministry is being utilised in order to overcome this problem which graduates may suffer from after graduation.

The employment authority mainly aims at serving society and the daily relation between the citizen and the employment staff, Rashed said.

### Science club

THE director of the Kuwait Science Club branch for girls, Mona Al Omairi has said that the interest with which girl members joined the club was the primary reason for greater concern by the club to develop its programmes and scientific activities.

She told a local daily that the main purpose for the development of the club's variety of scientific programmes and activities was to further encourage more members to join in, enable existing members cultivate their skills and organise training courses for young members in handicraft skills, including painting on glassware and silk.

# MPH reviewing health laws, says Naqeeb

Services to remain free

THE possibility of a pay hike for doctors employed at the Ministry of Public Health have been ruled out, Dr Nael Al Naqeeb, undersecretary of the ministry said he also denied rumours that he was quitting his post because of differences with the minister of health. "These allegations are baseless," the official said.

He stressed that administrative reforms are being seriously implemented in the ministry. In this connection, Naqeeb denied that he was responsible for restricting the powers of a number of senior doctors and officials at the ministry or that their job responsibilities had been drastically reduced.

However, the official admitted that the ministry may terminate the services of a number of doctors if "they remain incapable of upgrading their standards to be commensurate with the new developments and the quality of services required by the state."

Naqeeb said that the right of final decision is not vested in him, but these decisions are delivered by a specialised committee.

Review

Asked about the Health Security Scheme, the official said that the project is with the government and the decision is being given careful consideration by concerned authorities. But, he added, that the state does not want that citizens should pay. The government desires to see that education and medical services remain free of charges.

Naqeeb revealed that the law governing the medical profession is being reviewed to introduce some changes. He added that the aim of the amendments is to establish a disciplinary council to look into the violations committed by doctors and other auxiliary professions in the ministry.

He said that the proposed amendment calls for setting up a council which will include doc-

tors capable of questioning doctors on their violations. The council will include a member from the Fatwa and Legislation department, another from Kuwait University and will be headed by an assistant undersecretary. He added that cases submitted to the council against violating doctors will be filed by the undersecretary. He said that the purpose of the council is to grant enough guarantees to the violating doctors and ensure they are questioned in the correct way. He said that the amendment also grants the violating doctor the right to appeal against the council decision to the Health Minister before he takes the case to the courts. This measure will certainly reduce cases being referred to courts, the official said.

Change

He added that the law governing pharmacists will also be changed. He said that the present law was issued in 1960 and thus requires changes to be updated. He added that among the most important points in the new law is that it will allow only Kuwaitis to obtain licences to open pharmacies. The law will strictly govern the imports of drugs and the need for their registration before importing. The new law will clearly affix prices for the drugs, Naqeeb said. The new law is now under consideration with the ministry and other concerned officials in the country.

Naqeeb said that the ministry is planning to increase the number of working hours of doctors at hospitals, adding that the increase of the working hours at some medical centres has helped reduce the problem of the medical services to the public. About dental services in Kuwait, the official admitted that it is not up to the ambitions of the ministry. But he said that the ministry has ambitious plan to develop this service. He said that the ministry will establish five new dental

centres and has requested the Civil Service Commission to increase the number of dentists and dental technicians. He added that the ministry will launch an expanded programme to enlighten the public about prevention of dental diseases.

But, Naqeeb added that the problem with the dental services is that it is expensive and there are a number of unnecessary services that the state finds itself not compelled to offer. In this direction we have encouraged the private sector to enter the field of dental services. But the important aspect which remains to be achieved is the need for a dental college. The official said that the completion of the dental services in Kuwait will take time, but nevertheless we are going on the right path.

Naqeeb admitted that there is a shortage, slackness and slowness in the dental services offered by the ministry. The official refused demands by some quarters to treat dentists, physiotherapists and pharmacists equally. He said that there are differences between them and we must treat them accordingly. He also rejected another call to give dentists and doctors equal pay scales.

Naqeeb denied that there is a shortage of nurses. Kuwait has enough nurses and the rate per population is higher than that of UK. Only USA and Sweden have better rates than Kuwait. Our problem is not the number but in organising them. He said that we cannot recruit highly professional nurses because of the low salaries offered. Those who gain good experience in Kuwait, leave for other countries for better pay. Moreover, nursing staff do a lot of non-nursing jobs and we are going to review this matter shortly. Other factors include restrictions on night duties for female nurses. There is also a group of bad nurses, and we will address all these issues, Naqeeb affirmed.

Stricter control requested

## Shoplifting on the increase

A NUMBER of owners of shops and boutiques have complained of the increase of theft at their shops. They called on relevant authorities to impose strict punishments against these thieves. But some of them blamed themselves for being lenient with women who are caught red handed.

One of them Ahmad Al Arian has said that owners of shops or boutiques should appoint more than one person to sell at their shops specially the larger shops where more vigilance is necessary. He added that he will not be lenient with thieves who attempt to steal from his shop. He added that he will hand them to the police because there is no justification for theft.

Control

A director of a supermarket Razi Al Jundi pointed out that many thefts were reported at the boutiques and supermarkets specially the more expensive boutiques. Common items stolen are socks, underclothes and other small expensive items like watches and pens. He added that many thefts were reported in his supermarket. Some people enter the supermarket with sacks and put their

purchases inside. Later it is discovered that they leave without paying for these items.

He added that he installed cameras to observe customers inside the supermarket. This action put an end to thefts inside the supermarket. We also prevented people from entering the supermarket with their shopping items purchased from outside, he said.

A saleswoman at a boutique Iman Abdul Maqsood said that there are no punitive measures taken by owners of shops against customers who are caught stealing. They are satisfied by advising them not to return or issuing verbal threats. She added that she caught a woman carrying a sack and putting clothes inside. "She wanted to leave without paying but we caught her and sent her to the owner of the boutique who only took the stolen clothes from her and ordered her to go out. This woman can enter another shop and repeat her action," she said. She added that such persons become active at weekends when shops are crowded with customers. She added that her boutique began using cameras to control and observe customers.

## Nine new schools to open in Jahra area

THE director of the Jahra Educational Area, Sulaiman Al Kooh said that nine new schools to impart education to different stages will be opened in Jahra in the next academic year.

The Jahra Educational Department has received four new schools and these schools are currently being provided with all educational and teaching requirements, Kooh said. He stated that the rest of the new schools will be received by the department during the coming weeks prior to the beginning of the next academic year.

Plan

Regarding the air-conditioning plan for schools at the area, Kooh stated that all kindergartens and primary schools will be air-conditioned during the current summer season and will be received by the beginning of the coming academic year. The air-conditioning plan included, twenty kindergartens, and 42 primary schools for boys and girls.

On the issue of teachers, Kooh said that in this regard preparations have been made with the General Education Co-ordination and Follow-up Department to obtain the necessary personnel. He pointed out that the shortage in teaching staff is very limited. A special committee was formed by the department to review activities of the new academic year. The committee has already held three meetings.

## Kuwait Goan community institutes Konkani scholarship

A KONKANI martyrs memorial scholarship has been recently instituted by the Goan Community Committee in Kuwait to promote the regional language at Higher Secondary Schools under the Archdiocesan Board of Education, Panjim.

Goan students appearing for the Secondary School Certificate examinations at the A.B.E. and securing the highest and 2nd highest marks in Konkani will receive a cash award of Rs1000/- and Rs500/- respectively for the next decade. This award will be announced and presented by the secretary, Diocesan Society of Education, Panjim.

A sum of Rs15,800/- has been contributed by the members of the Goan community here towards this Konkani scholarship, which has been deposited in a fixed account in a local bank in the name of the Diocesan Society of Education, Panjim at the request of the donors.

Should any community member wish to contribute further towards this Konkani scholarship, may forward their funds to Fr Avinash Rebelo, secretary, Diocesan Society of Education, P.O. Box 216, Panjim, Goa.

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## Dasma residents bemoan sub-standard services

DASMA residents have complained that the public clinic in their area is not enough to meet the big rush. Although, Dasma is classified among the model areas, its inhabitants complained that the public clinic and some other services need looking after. They said that the neighbouring Bneid Al Qar area does not have a clinic and thus its residents are referred to the Dasma clinic, which causes pressure on primary medical services. Some of the residents said that although there is no ongoing construction on the area roads,

exits to the First Ring road have been closed for a long time, which has resulted in traffic jams in the area particularly when employees go to work early in the morning.

On services of the co-operative society, most of the residents praised the society but added that some times it lacks certain commodities. They also hoped that two more branches of the society are opened as there are only two at present. The residents accused police patrols of not fully looking after the area. They complained that a

number of reckless youths drive their cars badly as police patrols are inadequate. The residents said that their area is almost free of crime, but traffic violators are a constant hazard.

View

Residents demanded more care of the two public gardens in the area. They said that one of the two is good but the other is totally damaged. They also complained of the presence of many old buildings in the area which spoils the view of Dasma. They demanded more care to the collection of

garbage from the area.

In addition, the residents said as their area is old, the roads are also in bad condition and called upon authorities to look after them. Although most of the residents praised the services offered by the post office in Dasma, they said that the number of posts office boxes is too small and is insufficient. They hoped that the Ministry of Communications increases the number. They also claimed that the area lacks entertainment services except those two public gardens which are not up to standard.

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Govt seizes Samarkhel

## Rebel morale 'hurt' by fiasco

MUJAHEDDEEN morale was dealt a severe blow this week when Afghan government forces recaptured the Muslim rebels' only significant military conquest, Western and Afghan analysts said yesterday.

Government troops launched a surprise counter-attack to seize the Samarkhel stronghold 20 km (12 miles) from the eastern city Jalalabad on Thursday.

"It's bad news for the mujahedeen," a Western diplomat in Islamabad commented. "Though of little significance militarily, the base's loss is of much greater importance symbolically and is a serious blow to the prestige of mujahedeen leaders."

The rebels took Samarkhel during a major offensive in March — shortly after the last Soviet forces withdrew from Afghanistan — aimed at capturing Jalalabad, the third largest city. They had hung onto it even though the main assault failed weeks ago.

"It's generally bad... it's going to change the morale of the mujahedeen and the regime," said a rebel analyst who asked not to be identified.

News of the victory would give new heart to President Najibullah's forces and dissuade uncommitted Afghans from throwing in their lot with the rebels. It would also increase tensions in the already bitterly divided rebel leadership.

Support for the rebels' "jihad" (holy war) in the west and Pakistan would also suffer, the analysts said.

The rebels' "interim government," set up in Pakistan in March, had sought a quick victory in Jalalabad to give them a foothold inside Afghanistan and precipitate the collapse of Najibullah's forces.

Some leaders predicted the city would fall within weeks and the government within months. The subsequent fiasco has dented the credibility of the entire movement.

The rebels now have no significant offensive under way anywhere in Afghanistan, the analysts said.

Mohammad Saljoqi, a leading figure in one of the seven main rebel parties based in Pakistan, said the importance of the Jalalabad operation had been exaggerated.

"Jalalabad was made a big issue by the press, by the enemy and by our leaders as well. It was blown out of proportion. This is not the key to the whole jihad," he said.

Saljoqi, of the nationalist Mahaz-e-Milli-e-Islami Party, said the Samarkhel defeat would do more damage to the morale of the rebels' backers than to the rebels themselves.

"It's not a major defeat. It's part of the whole war," he said.

The analysts blamed the mujahedeen collapse partly on their failure to keep control of the Jalalabad-Kabul highway which had allowed supplies and reinforcements to reach the besieged garrison.

Large convoys had reached the city every day for the two weeks preceding the attack, they said.

The mujahedeen have complained with increasing bitterness that their weapons supplies, mainly from the United States via Pakistan, has dried up.

A Western diplomatic source confirmed there had been a major "hiccup" in the supply because of administrative mistakes. "It was not policy and not deliberate, but it was unfortunate, the source said. (Islamabad-Reuters)

## Libyan prisoners isolated in Chad

BLINKING in the desert sun, Libyan prisoners of war squatted inside a ring of Chadian soldiers, hoping to be called to the microphone.

"I want to send a message to my family... tell them I am all right," said one.

"We are hundreds here," said another, who gave his name as Lieutenant Khaled Soyah. "And we have never seen the Red Cross."

He was one of more than 100 others who were paraded before Chadian TV and radio and a foreign correspondent in N'Djamena this month.

"We are cut off from the world... international organisations could make an effort to see us, no?" Khaled asked.

The answer is that they try but the government of Chadian President Hissene Habre won't let them.

Khaled and his more than 1,000 fellow prisoners are Habre's bargaining counter in negotiations with Libya's Muammar Khaddafi.

Most of the prisoners were captured during a spectacular Chadian thrust to end Libya's four-year-long occupation of northern Chad in 1987. Some 5,000 Libyans were killed and about 2,000 captured in the eight-month offensive, according to Western estimates.

Since then Habre has denied the Red Cross access to any Libyan captives in defiance of the Geneva Convention which Chad has signed.

"The Chadian authorities have to date shown that they are unable to co-operate with us," said Francois-Xavier Robadey, head of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in N'Djamena.

"The ICRC is currently reviewing its operation in Chad," he said, choosing his words carefully.

"We have received no letters and had no visits," Khaled, 30, told this reporter in halting French.

Other prisoners interviewed in Arabic through an interpreter within earshot of soldiers and officials said they were well treated and received three meals a day. (Reuters N'Djamena)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1540 — Marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Anne of Cleves is annulled by convocations of Canterbury and York.
- 1609 — Holy Roman Emperor Rudolf II is forced to grant charter permitting freedom of religion in Bohemia.
- 1686 — League of Augsburg is formed between Holy Roman Empire, Spain, Sweden, Saxony, the Palatinate and Brandenburg against France's King Louis XIV.
- 1746 — French fleet arrives at Pondicherry in India.
- 1816 — Independence of United Provinces of La Plata (Argentina) from Spain is declared.
- 1882 — Britain's Royal Navy bombards Alexandria, Egypt.
- 1915 — German forces in South West Africa surrender to South Africans under Louis Botha.
- 1925 — Revolution breaks out in Ecuador.
- 1944 — Allied forces take Caen, France, from Germans in World War II.
- 1947 — Engagement of England's Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten is announced.
- 1963 — Agreement is signed to create Federation of Malaysia, uniting Malaya, Singapore, Sarawak and North Borneo.
- 1971 — Last US base guarding demilitarized zone in Vietnam is turned over to South Vietnamese troops.
- 1976 — Uganda calls on UN Security Council to condemn Israel in strongest terms for raid on Entebbe airport to rescue hostages held by pro-Palestinian hijackers.
- 1987 — At least 50 passengers are killed when wall of water washes two cars of train into moonsoon-swollen river in India's Andhra Pradesh state.
- 1988 — Nikolai Bukharin, one of the leaders of the 1971 Russian Revolution, is returned to the Communist Party's good graces a half century after he was executed as a spy.



View of the overturned bus which crashed yesterday just outside Jerusalem after the wheel was grabbed from the driver by a Palestinian passenger. The bus veered off the road into a ravine and burst into flames.

Attention diverted from political crisis

## Anger unites Israel

THE killing of 14 Israelis by a Palestinian Muslim extremist who sent their bus plunging into a ravine has diverted public attention from Israel's political crisis and may strengthen rightist Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Events move so fast in Israel that a nation which awoke on Thursday bitterly divided over Shamir's acceptance of tough conditions for his peace proposals ended the day reunited in grief and anger over the bus tragedy.

To judge by past attacks, the bus disaster seemed likely to reinforce those Israelis who believe no compromise is possible or desirable with the Palestinians.

Labour Party leaders had been due to discuss whether to leave the national unity cabinet after Shamir's rightist Likud Party set stringent conditions for implementing Israel's plan for elections in the Occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Instead their emergency meeting was postponed until next Monday with Labour officials saying the disaster made party politics inappropriate.

"Every time there is an attack on human life, of course the whole nation is united in sorrow," Labour leader and Vice-Premier Shimon Peres said.

It was the most deadly Palestinian attack since a sea-borne gunner seized a bus on Israel's coastal highway in 1978 and 33 people died in a gunbattle with troops.

Political sources said it may boost public support for Shamir's hardline stance, reinforcing his insistence that peace negotiations cannot start until a 19-month-old Palestinian uprising is crushed.

Many Israelis, who do not distinguish between Muslim fundamentalists and Arab nationalists, instinctively blamed the attack on the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Shamir blamed Palestinian "incitement" and vowed to root out the murderers.

Environment Minister Ronnie Milo, a close Shamir ally, demanded that in view of the attack, the United States should stop all contact with the PLO.

Middle-of-the-road Israelis who might deplore Likud's decision to bar Palestinians in annexed east Jerusalem from voting and to reject any exchange of occupied land for peace, seemed more likely to rally behind Shamir's position.

Shamir quickly sought to minimise the impact of the Likud vote, assuring US Ambassador William Brown that Israel's peace plan remained unchanged.

Palestinian leaders said the Likud conditions killed any prospect of agreement on the Israeli proposals.

Many Israeli commentators agreed that the conditions tied Shamir's hands and made the initiative totally unappealing to the Arabs. The initial US response appeared to indicate Washington would continue to back the plan.

Shamir's spokesman quoted Brown as saying that as long as the government did not introduce changes into the proposals, the United States believed they stood as before.

The United States, seeking to keep Middle East peace efforts alive, on Thursday portrayed Israeli Prime Minister Shamir's new conditions for Palestinian elections as a partisan statement, not official government policy.

Some analysts said such diplomatic creativity may be able to keep peace efforts moving forward, but others feared Shamir's capitulation to right-wing rivals closed the door on hope for ending the Arab-Israeli conflict.

State Department deputy spokesman Richard Boucher stressed that the broad election blueprint formally adopted by the Israeli cabinet in May was the initiative the Bush administration continued to support.

Another US official, who asked not to be identified, said Shamir's stand "makes it difficult" to move toward peace "but it doesn't interrupt the process."

US officials said that since the Israeli Prime Minister heads a coalition government, his speech must be viewed in the context in which it was given to a party convention.

Shamir's right-wing Likud Party on Wednesday endorsed a plan for Palestinians of the Occupied

## Senseless violence Films grapple with truth

THE first Israeli film on the Palestinian uprising brings three generations of Jews to the green fields of the occupied West Bank and says they failed to see the point where senseless killing becomes the norm.

Director Isaac Zepel Yeshuron pronounces his protagonists — an Israeli living in the United States, his Berkeley-educated wife and their soldier son — guilty of accepting violence as the only means of dealing with the rebellion in which more than 540 Arabs have died.

The level of that violence steadily creeps up from beatings to the chilling climax of murder that left some audience members crying after this week's premiere.

This was exactly the aim of Yeshuron, who wanted to break "that mechanism of both knowing and ignoring created by people who wish to have a bearable life."

"This movie was made so that things would become known," he said in an Israeli radio interview Monday.

Yeshuron's "Green Fields" is one of three new Israeli movies devoted to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that were screened at the Jerusalem Film Festival.

The festival, which began June

29 and ended today, showed 130 films from 44 countries.

In Yehuda Judd Neeman's action-packed "Streets of Yesterday," an Israeli named Raz becomes entangled in an international intrigue involving Palestinian rebels, the Mossad intelligence agency and West Germany's secret service.

Raz is an Israeli peace campaigner who helps an Arab friend even though he belongs to a PLO group. In the end, his friend is shot to death and Raz is on the run as an accomplice.

"End of the Orange Season" by director Lili Hanoch takes the viewer on a journey with iconoclastic Israeli rock singer Shalom Hanoch and his friends through the tense summer of 1988.

It is a compendium of protest music that was generated when the stone-throwing rebellion reached its peak while Israeli politicians campaigned in national elections that ended in stalemate.

"Green Fields" is the most gripping of the five Israeli entries, which include a retrospective on the immigration of Iraqi Jews and a comedy on kibbutz life. It is favoured to win the \$20,000 awards for the best Israeli director and producer and

the \$10,000 prize for the most promising Israeli filmmaker.

The Braverman family — grandparents, son Shmuelik, on a visit with his US wife, and soldier Rami — are on their way to an army ceremony in the occupied West Bank.

Hitching a ride in a Jewish settler's van, the Bravermans end up in a curfewed Palestinian village, where masked stone-throwing youths still rule the streets.

As the first stone hits the car, all taboos come loose, and the Bravermans act just like some real-life Israeli soldiers battling the almost 19-month rebellion.

They beat up an Arab youth, forcing him to remove a makeshift stone barricade. They tie the Palestinian to the hood of their car to avoid being stoned, almost killing the youth in the process.

The reflective Rami erupts in an orgy of beating after capturing another Palestinian who tried to grab a gun. The Jewish settler then calmly shoots the Arab in the leg.

The Bravermans escape from the village and find themselves in the wilderness of the West Bank. Shmuelik, armed with his son's rifle, forces two Arabs out of a passing jeep which he needs to escape.

(AP — Occupied Jerusalem)

West Bank and Gaza Strip elect their negotiators with Israel but set tough conditions.

These include barring of Arabs in annexed east Jerusalem from the proposed elections, continuing Jewish settlement in the West Bank, continued opposition to the creation of a Palestinian state and refusal to begin negotiations until the Arab uprising ends.

Clyde Marks, a Middle East specialist with the Library of Congress, was pessimistic about the development, saying that Likud had "killed off the conversation we had with the PLO."

Middle East expert Joyce Starr of the Global Strategy Council said the survival of peace efforts depended on how each side chose to portray Shamir's speech.

She said Shamir's Likud rivals were inadvertently aided in efforts to place conditions on the peace proposal when news leaked out that Washington had expanded its dialogue with the PLO to more senior PLO members.

(Reuters — Washington)

## El Bashir's strategy Good but little else

SUDAN'S new military rulers are finding that running a country requires more than good intentions. But Sudanese and Western analysts agree that's about all they brought to the job with their June 30 coup that ended Prime Minister Sadek El Mahdi's democratic but near-chaotic government.

"I don't think they really appreciated what taking power means," one diplomat said. "It's more complex than they thought. They're trying to address all of Sudan's problems, but they know about being soldiers, not running a government."

When Lieut Gen. Omar Hassan Ahmed El Bashir took over, he proclaimed two priorities for his 15-officer junta: ending a southern rebellion and reviving a gasping economy.

The promise of drastic measures against the black market and for peace enticed the public to swallow more easily El Bashir's early draconian decrees wiping away the trappings of democracy. Sudan's 36 political parties were disbanded, newspapers banned and a national emergency declared.

But subsequent action gave way to adverse reaction and revision, reminiscent of the indecisiveness of El Mahdi's three-year administration.

A committee in charge of press and information was formed, then disbanded, then re-formed. Bank accounts were frozen, then freed. Bread prices were lowered from levels that helped cause food riots in recent months, then promptly zoomed back up as bread disappeared from market shelves. The same happened with meat, vegetables and fruits.

As for the war, the new leaders said they were sending a delegation to meet southern rebels based in Addis Ababa. Rebel spokesmen said they knew nothing of it, so the delegation's mission was revised into meeting with the Ethiopian government. Then the delegation's departure was postponed until Tuesday.

By that time, many Sudanese had stopped keeping track.

"They (the new rulers) have very good intentions," said a prominent Sudanese political veteran, "but they are naive and are making mistakes."

He, like diplomats and other Sudanese interviewed, refused to let his name be used because of El Bashir's decree setting a 10-year jail sentence for those who speak against his administration.

All complain that the new leaders' priorities are correct but that they expect simple solutions to complex problems. Many say the junta is vague on how it intends to attack the problems because it has no plan.

"Our biggest threat is the southern question. If we can solve the problem of the south, we can solve the economic problem," El Bashir said in an interview with the Voice of America and the British Broadcasting Corp.

"Our main problem is corruption. If we fight corruption and get rid of it, we will be able to help ourselves," he said. "We will build projects to have our food sufficiency and to increase the output of schemes and projects. This plan will be with the help of the international community."

Such talk is meaningless, said a Sudanese economic expert.

"The economy is in shambles," he said. "We have good land, but a whole new infrastructure of roads, truck fleets, trains and gasoline... to run them is needed to make use of their full potential."

"Ending the war might also enable us to get to the oil and the minerals in the south."

But early hopes for a quick end to the six-year-old war have waned.

El Bashir took the positive steps of announcing a month-long ceasefire and offering amnesty to the rebels.

At the same time, he scrapped previous peace efforts, including a much-supported agreement reached last winter between the Sudan People's Liberation Army and the Centrist Democratic Unionist Party.

Also, he has talked about Arab unity, particularly with a Sudan-Egypt-Libya axis, sure to be anathema to the non-Muslim, ethnically African southern rebels fighting the national government dominated by Arab-descended Muslims. (Khartoum - AP)

## Quote me

"Stalin's great removal of the peoples carried out with the ferocity of (Mongol Conqueror) Genghis Khan, has proved to be a mine hidden for decades that has exploded only now." Pravda, blaming Stalin for ethnic unrest in Soviet republics.

"While we're feeding people who are waiting in line we could train them so they can step out of line." — Robert Egger, founder of DC Central Kitchen, a two-man operation that feeds and trains the homeless for jobs in food service.

"Give me the power to take care of them once and for all." — Meir Kahane, rabbi of Israel said during a rally in occupied Jerusalem after the Israeli bus attack.

"This is a groundbreaking decision for lesbians and gay men." — William Rubenstein, an American Civil Liberties Union lawyer said after New York state's highest court ruled that an AIDS victim cannot be evicted from his dead lover's rent-controlled apartment.

"Gorbachev's image was not particularly reinforced by his passage through Paris. Gorbachev disappointed many people who only wanted to be comforted in their admiration for him." — Le Monde newspaper said after French commentators judge Gorbachev's visit to France a disappointment.

"I'm pleased that he takes those trips. It is good for world peace when he takes these trips." — Bush commented on Gorbachev's trip to France and Germany.

"All I can remember is that I was nervous. The good thing for me was that I was even more nervous than I was." — Stan Smith on his 1972 Wimbledon singles final against Ilie Nastase.

"We are good girls." — Nancy Bolger, of Virginia Sims, a women's tennis sponsor, talking about the behaviour of women players at Wimbledon.

## Letter to the editor

### Peace not war

SIR: In a news report in the Arab Times issue of the 1st July, it was revealed that the state minister for information in Sri Lanka had said he is ready to fight India if India bombs the strife stricken island with Tamil militants on one side and anti-government groups on another.

To please someone one would speak

sweet words, but these sweet words should not be uttered to become poison for another. Without thinking ahead, a responsible person like a state minister who is not even elected by voters to the ministerial post, challenged one of the superpowers in the Far East (Southeast Asia), displaying the weakness in decision taking.

Just two days after the above news

item, we read about the Indian Army fighting in the north of Sri Lanka, backed by helicopter gunships to crush Tamil rebellion. One would like to ask the challengers where the particular minister had been that moment instead of flying a helicopter to face the Indian troops' aggression.

We remember the first and the former president Jayewardene who when he

came to power first time and became the prime minister, warned his government members not to utter things without his prior knowledge and this way he kept his group at bay, and made them to talk sense. No doubt Sri Lanka would expect the current president to follow his example and see that peace is attained with sweet and peaceful words.

We need peace, not war: let the

president and his crew sail with an olive branch and not bombs.

Anula Edirisinha, Salfat.

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Gloom prevails

## Market indices dip as non-Kuwaiti shares rise

THE Alshahi Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 38.03 points with a decrease of 0.31 point — 0.81 per cent from last week's average. The Alshahi index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 67.54 points with a decrease of 0.13 point — 0.19 per cent for the same period, according to Alshahi weekly market review.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 9.21 million shares at a daily average of 1.84 million shares with a decrease of 45 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 3.37 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 1.24 million shares at a daily average of 0.248 million shares with an increase of 12 per cent over last week's daily average of 0.222 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD2.25 million at a daily average of KD0.45 million, a decrease of 57 per cent from last week's daily average of KD1.04 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.070 million at a daily average of KD0.014 million, an increase of 75 per cent over last week's daily average of KD0.008 million.

The market continued to show signs of weak activity which was reflected on the performance of most indices in both the Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti markets.

However, this weakness was more pronounced in the Kuwaiti shares market which is considered the main market.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector led at 48 per cent of total trading against 56 per cent last week, of which The Commercial Bank had the lead at 43 per cent followed by Kuwait Finance House at 21 per cent and The National Bank at 12 per cent.

The investment sector came second at 31 per cent, of which National Investments had the lead at 60 per cent, followed by Kuwait Investment Projects at 35 per cent, and International Financial Advisors at 5 per cent.

Third came the services sector at 14 per cent of total market trading of which Mobile Telephone Systems had the lead at 78 per cent, followed by Public Warehousing at 14 per cent and Kuwait Commercial Markets at 8 per cent.

For the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Bahrain International Bank led at 61 per cent, followed by Bahrain and Middle East Bank at 39 per cent.

Kuwait shareholding companies index			
	Wednesday 05/07/89	Wednesday 28/06/89	Change points
Banking Sector	112.35	112.35	—
The National Bank	31.48	31.92	-0.44
The Gulf Bank	22.83	23.71	-0.88
The Commercial Bank	29.77	30.78	-1.01
Al Ahli Bank	31.44	31.44	—
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	28.29	28.29	—
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	26.53	27.06	-0.52
Burgan Bank	76.62	77.45	-0.82
Kuwait Finance House	46.02	46.45	-0.43
Sector Index			

Investment Sector	18.18	18.18	—
Kuwait Investment Co.	11.00	11.00	—
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	31.62	31.62	—
IFA	118.25	118.25	—
Commercial Facilities	63.73	64.71	-0.98
National Investments	89.89	91.01	-1.12
Kuwait Investment Proj.	32.20	32.36	-0.16
Sector Index			

Insurance Sector	35.88	35.88	—
Kuwait Insurance Co.	26.15	26.15	—
Gulf Insurance Co.	48.80	48.80	—
Al Ahleia Insurance Co.	58.42	58.42	—
Warba Insurance Co.	36.64	32.64	—
Sector Index			

Real Estate Sector	16.31	16.82	-0.51
Kuwait Real Estate	5.60	5.81	-0.21
United Realty	35.83	35.83	—
National Real Estate	69.05	71.43	-2.38
Pearl of Kuwait	16.42	16.81	-0.39
Sector Index			

Industrial Sector	11.59	11.59	—
Kuwait Cement Co.	79.06	79.06	—
Refrigeration Indust.	110.87	110.87	—
Gulf Cables	73.78	73.78	—
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	29.98	29.98	—
Sector Index			

Services Sector	115.52	155.52	—
Kuwait Computer Co.	8.56	8.56	—
Kuwait Cinema Co.	70.71	70.71	—
Public Warehousing Co.	37.29	37.75	-0.46
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	280.95	280.95	—
Mobile Telephone Syst.	54.85	54.80	-0.04
Sector Index			

Food Sector	30.51	30.51	—
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	10.62	10.62	—
United Fisheries	84.34	84.34	—
Kuwait United Poultry	68.97	68.97	—
Kuwait Food Co.	36.18	36.18	—
Sector Index	38.03	38.34	-0.31
Overall Index			

Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index			
	Wednesday 05/07/89	Wednesday 28/06/89	Change points
First Gulf Bank	223.68	223.68	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	86.90	86.90	—
Bahrain M. East Bank	87.32	88.27	-1.95
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	78.10	78.10	—
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	43.94	43.94	—
Umm Al Quain Cement	13.87	13.87	—
Gulf Medical Projects	21.46	21.46	—
Total Index	67.54	67.67	-0.13

—Base period 31/12/1983.

—All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.

## Bank profit surges

RIYADH, July 8, (Reuters): The Saudi British Bank made a mid-year profit of 68.5 million riyal (\$18.3 million), more than double last year's figure, according to unaudited results released today.

The bank, a joint venture 40 per cent owned by the Hong Kong Bank's British Bank of the Middle East, said profits in the first half of 1988 were 27.1 million riyals (\$7.2 million).

The bank said it made no provision for doubtful loans as these were covered by 150 million riyals (\$40 million) set aside at the end of 1988 after a stock flotation.

Gross revenue in the first half of this year rose by 34 per cent from 117.2 million riyals (\$29.3 million) to 157.2 million (\$41.9 million).

### Profitable

Saudi Arabia's newest bank, Al-Rajhi Banking and Investment Corporation, is now the kingdom's most profitable one, according to figures published in the local press today.

The former moneychanger reported net profits of 588.2 million riyals (\$156.8 million) for the nine months ending December 31, 1988.

The kingdom's second largest and until now most profitable bank, Riyadh Bank, reported 1988 profits of 364.5 million riyals (\$97.2 million).

Saudi Arabia's largest bank, National Commercial Bank, put all its earnings into provisions for doubtful loans.

Al-Rajhi became the country's 12th commercial bank in March 1988 by going public in a 750 million riyal (\$200 million) offering. Family members kept 44 per cent of the ownership.

### Currency rates

KUWAIT, July 8, (KUNA): Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait, today.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.29389	0.29504
Sterling	0.47874	0.48091
Dm.	0.15703	0.15773
S. fr.	0.18237	0.18319
F. fr.	0.046256	0.04659
It. lira	0.0002161	0.0002170
Jap. yen	0.002112	0.0021210
Bh. dinar	0.77934	0.78280
UAE dh.	0.080013	0.080348
S. riyal	0.078349	0.078677
Q. riyal	0.080495	0.081054
O. riyal	0.76315	0.76653



US Secretary of State James Baker (left) talks to Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans after the opening session of the post ministerial conference of ASEAN nations in Brunei on Thursday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Evans rejects Matutes' bid

Pacific rim role for EEC

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei, July 8, (AP): The European Economic Community should not play any direct role in plans to boost economic co-operation in Asia and the Pacific rim, Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans said today.

Evans was responding to an earlier statement by EEC Commissioner Juan Abel Matutes calling for the European trading bloc's inclusion in the new Asia-Pacific economic forum proposed by Australia.

Matutes said efforts to bar the EEC from the new group would violate established rules of international trade.

Australia is inviting 11 nations to a meeting in early November to explore ways to promote trade in the Pacific basin.

Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines and Thailand — the members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN — are expected to attend along with the United States, Japan, South Korea, Canada, New Zealand and host Australia.

"As a regional body ourselves, (the EEC) can fully appreciate the need to get together for co-operation on matters of mutual interest," Matutes said in a statement.

But the EEC also is an ally of ASEAN and should be entitled to a role in any Asia-Pacific co-operation arrangement, Matutes said. The annual meetings between ASEAN and its Western allies is the best forum in which to discuss trade matters, he said.

Evans rejected Matutes' bid for an EEC role during questioning by reporters.

"This is in the first place a forum for countries in the geographic region of Asia-Pacific, just as countries in the EEC see their own community as a forum for discussions in their own geographic region. ... We will keep them thoroughly informed every step of the way. We are obviously in consultation and dialogue with them. But in the first instance we have to address these various questions within the region," Evans said.

The Australian proposal revives an idea that has been kicked around for more than 10 years. Essentially, it has three objectives:

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US Secretary of State James Baker, Japanese Foreign Minister Hiroshi Mitsuoka, Canadian Secretary of State Joe Clark and Russell Marshall, New Zealand's minister of foreign affairs, all endorsed Australia's initiative noting that Pacific rim co-operation was an idea whose time had come.

Matutes, however, assured ASEAN foreign ministers a single European market offered vast opportunities for other countries.

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## Automation of world-wide customs procedures proposed

WASHINGTON, July 8, (AP): An international customs organisation has called for stepped-up efforts to automate customs procedures around the globe through use of electronic data systems, US Customs Service Commissioner William Von Raab said yesterday.

Von Raab said the 104-nation Customs Co-operation Council, at meetings here this week, also adopted resolutions urging strict enforcement of drug laws and encouraging member countries to sign a United Nations convention on illicit drug trafficking.

He told a news conference that "the council has approved a strategy through

which customs administrations around the world can work toward electronic Data Interchange."

"When it comes, goods and services will move across international borders mostly without paperwork, and with the absolute minimum of human involvement. National laws and regulations that interfere with free movement of goods and services will give way to laws designed for modern trade and information concepts," Von Raab said.

He said that "the bottom line will be less expensive international trade. Trade will be less expensive for the business community, which means lower prices for us all."

Managing that trade will be less expensive for customs administrations, which means lower taxes for us all."

Tom Hayes, secretary-general of the Customs Co-operation Council, which has its headquarters in Brussels, told reporters that "this conference is going to be regarded as the turning point for EDI (Electronic Data Interchange) as far as customs is concerned."

He said the council is concerned about a growing gap between industrialised and developing countries with regard to their capabilities to automate customs procedures. Technology, training and other assistance is badly needed by Third

World nations, Hayes said.

On drugs, the international organisation adopted a resolution noting that "the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances is dramatically increasing world-wide." It urged member nations to "focus attention on the smugglers of small quantities of illicit drugs as well as on the smugglers of large quantities."

The customs council also approved a resolution calling for all member countries to sign the December 1988 UN convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

## Job growth lower than anticipated

## Stocks roar higher on prime rate cut

THIS week the dollar reached a two-month low against the Deutschmark ending at DM1.88 having broken through the psychologically important level of DM1.9000. The fall was attributed to the narrowing of interest rate differentials with expectations of an early Fed easing and growing concerns that the US economy may be weakening, possibly towards a recession, according to NBK weekly market review.

The release of the employment data on Friday confirmed sentiment with unemployment higher and job growth lower than anticipated. The bond market continued to benefit somewhat on anticipated lower interest rates. However the seven-month long inverted yield curve, has flattened considerably and can be expected to reverse itself with further evidence of economic slowdown.

Wall Street stocks roared to their fourth-straight gain this week as investors cheered news on Friday that a mid-Western bank had cut its prime rate. After a tepid opening, blue chips shot higher when south-west bank of St. Louis said it would cut its prime lending rate to 10.5 per cent from 11 per cent effective on Monday.

Construction spending increased 1.3 per cent in May following a 0.8 per cent fall in April and a 0.2 per cent rise in

March. This was higher than the market forecast of a 0.3 per cent increase.

Unemployment rose a slightly higher than forecast 5.3 per cent in June following a 5.2 per cent increase in May and compared with a 5.4 per cent rise in June 1988.

Non-farm payroll was lower than the market forecast at 180,000 in June and compared with 207,000 in May.

There has been much speculation this week that a further relaxation in monetary policy is likely to take place in view of the apparent slowdown in the growth of the economy. The release of the employment data confirming a reduction in job creation in June added to expectations of an imminent fall in interest rates.

However it is still unlikely that the Federal Reserve is unanimous in its view with inflation yet to touch lower, some board members remain concerned that a relaxation now could be premature. This therefore may prevent an immediate discount rate cut. However "we do expect the Fed funds rate to be eased further which will ultimately lead to a discount rate reduction in the months ahead."

Next week's data releases include producer prices and retail sales. The PPI number is forecast to be lower than the high 0.9 per cent achieved last month,

whilst retail sales may come in slightly higher although still soft on a yearly comparison.

Trading ranges for the coming week are: \$ DM1.84-1.89 and \$ Yen 136-141.

Sterling adopted a firmer stance this week despite last Thursday's European interest rate increases, benefiting from the dollar's weaker tone.

The record \$2.24 billion fall in reserves underlined the extent of official intervention made in June to support the pound whilst demonstrating the government's commitment to keeping sterling stable as well as avoiding another interest rate rise. (The previous largest fall of \$2.11 billion was in April 1978).

The pound ended the week at DM3.06 and \$1.62.

Retail sales rose a final three per cent in May following a 1.4 per cent fall in April and compared with a 4.6 per cent increase year-on-year. This revision took the index to a record high and was the biggest increase since April 1987.

Consumer credit increased to \$4.18 billion in May from \$3.87 billion in April and compared with \$3.54 billion in May 1988.

Official reserves fell a slightly lower than anticipated underlying \$2.24 billion in June to \$43.7 billion compared with the drop in May of \$739 million to \$46.1 billion.

## Fed easing credit conditions

WASHINGTON, July 8, (AP): The Federal Reserve, faced with further signs of a weakening American economy, launched a second round of credit easing this week before the end of a crucial midyear review of monetary policy, private economists said yesterday.

The analysts predicted that the move by the US Central Bank would send a variety of consumer and business interest rates lower, with one saying that a cut in commercial bank's prime lending rate could come as early as Monday.

"The Fed is easing and there is clear evidence that we have passed the peak on interest rates," said David Wyss, an economist with DRI-McGraw Hill, an economic consulting firm in Lexington, Massachusetts.

The development was not unexpected, although some economists were surprised that the move came even before the end of two days of meetings of the Federal Open Market Committee, composed of members of the Federal Reserve Board in Washington.

ton and five of the 12 regional Fed bank presidents. The committee meets eight times a year to map monetary strategy and many had expected that the Central Bank would begin another round of easing moves in the period following this week's meeting.

At the previous meeting, held on May 16, Fed policy-makers decided to leave credit conditions unchanged. However they noted a variety of economic statistics pointing to slower growth, according to minutes of that meeting released yesterday.

The action was adopted on an 11-1 vote. Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan will reveal details of this week's discussions when he delivers the Fed's midyear assessment of the economy in congressional testimony on July 20.

David Jones, an economist with Aubrey G. Landon and Co., a government securities dealer, said the Fed is acting because a growing number of business barometers confirm that US economic growth is slowing.

AMMAN				KUWAIT			
ALAA-ADDIN COMPANY	OPNG	CLSE		BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	2.60	2.58		NATIONAL BANK	0.970	0.980	0.980
ARAB BANK	168.0	170.0		GULF BANK	0.355	0.355	0.355
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	4.54	4.54		COMMERCIAL BK	0.265	0.260	0.265
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.80	1.81		AHLI BANK	0.300	0.295	0.295
ARAB INSURANCE	1.08	1.08		B.K.E.E.B.	0.330	0.330	0.330
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.66	0.66		BURGAN BANK	0.260	0.255	0.255
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.11	1.16		K.F. HOUSE	0.465	0.465	0.465
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	1.25	1.24		INVESTMENT SECTOR			
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.37	2.40		KFT INV. CO.	0.099		
ARAB PAPER COM/TRA	0.35	0.34		K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210		
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	3.53	3.57		K.I.T.C.	0.064		
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	1.99	2.09		COM.FACILITIES	0.430		
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---		AHLIA INV.	0.000		
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65		I.F.A.	0.043		
BANK OF JORDAN	15.00	15.05		INV. PEARL KWT	0.087	0.087	0.087
BEIT AL MAL/BEITHA	1.26	1.26		NATIONAL INV.	0.065	0.065	0.065
BEIT AL MAL/BEITHA	0.95	1.00		KFT PROJECTS	0.080		
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.00	29.00		INSURANCE SECTOR			
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25		KFT INSURANCE	0.600		
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.34	0.34		GULF INSURANCE	0.360		
DAR ALDAWA DV/INV.	2.70	2.70		AHLIA INS. CO.	0.480		
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.81	0.80		WARBA INS. CO.	0.340		
FINANCE/CREDIT/COF	0.75	0.71		REAL ESTATE SECTOR			
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.50	4.50		KWT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.130	0.128	0.130
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63		UNIT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.000	0.090	0.090
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.25		NAT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.180		
GENERAL MINING	2.10	2.10		SALHIA R.E.	0.080		
HIMMEL MINERALS	0.75	0.75		KWT R.E.T. CO.	0.000		
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44		INDUSTRY SECTOR			
IND./WATCH JEMCO	1.12	1.18		NAT IND. CO.	0.490		
INDUSTRIAL DEVLPT BK	1.65	1.70		KWT N.P. IND.	0.310		
INDUSTRIAL/COM/AGR.	1.70	1.68		KFT CEMENT CO.	0.170		
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75		REF. IND. CO.	0.360		
INTER. CON/INV	0.13	0.13		N.A.M.T. CO.	0.000		
IRBID ELECTRICITY CO.	0.81	0.81		GULF CABLE	0.080		
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64		K.P.H. IND. CO.	0.166		
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	2.15	2.14		CONT. MARINE	0.300		
J.TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80		K.SH.REP.CO.	0.045		
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29		SERVICES SECTOR			
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.50	19.50		OVERLAND TRANS	0.082		
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	2.20	2.23		K.N.C. CO.	0.180		
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05		KWT HOTELS CO.	0.000		
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.49	1.48		WAREHOUSING	0.142	0.140	0.140
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22		COM.MKT.CMPX.	0.082	0.081	0.081
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.04	1.09		MOBILE TELE.	0.295	0.295	0.295
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.18	2.18		KFT COMPUTER	0.144		
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.45	2.43		FOOD SECTOR			
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20		LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.150		
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.83		UNITO FISHERIES	0.150		
JOR LITH BRICK	0.15	0.15		UNITO POULTRY	0.230		
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50		KFT FOODS	0.300		
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.48	2.47		AGRI. FOOD PRD.	0.150		
JOR PAPER CARBON	4.10	4.25		NON-KWT. SECTOR			
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	4.10	4.10		BKH. INTER.BK	0.063		
JOR PIPES MANUFACT.	2.30	2.33		BKH. M.EAST.BK	0.046	0.046	0.046
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79	1.72		COAST INVEST.	0.082		
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.25		A.G. INV. GROUP	0.029		
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	1.28	1.33		FIRST GULF BK	0.850		
JOR SECURIT CORP.	1.12	1.11		BKH. KUM. GROUP	0.078		
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.17	2.20		GULF MEDICAL	0.034		
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	2.77	2.85		KUMAIT STOCK EXCHANGE			
JOR WORSTED MGR	4.79	4.75		COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET			
JOR. KUMAIT AGR	0.88	0.90		FINANCIAL SECTOR			
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	8.00	7.98		GULF INTL INS.			
JOR. FRENCH INS.	2.70	2.68		ARAB INT CO.			
JOR. INV. F.I.N. CORP	2.35	2.30		SHARJAH INS.			
JORADAN GULF REAL	0.35	0.35		GULF UNION INS.			
JORDAN DAIRY	1.15	1.15		R.K.WHIT. CMNT			
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.10	1.10		AJMAN CEMENT			
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95		INDUSTRIAL SECTOR			
JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK	3.25	3.25		B-FUJAIH CEMENT			
JORDAN KUMAIT BANK	2.32	2.20		C-SHARJAH CEMENT			
JORDAN TANNING	1.41	1.40		D-GULF CEMENT			

## China's growth rate slows

BEIJING, July 8, (AP): China's industrial production grew more slowly in the first half of 1989 than in 1988, according to figures released yesterday, but the government seemed unsure whether to cheer or not.

From an economic standpoint, the news was good: China has been trying since last fall to slow what it called overheated industrial growth that was fuelling inflation and shortages.

But since quelling nation-wide pro-democracy protests last month, the government has sought for political reasons to show that factories are operating normally and production is climbing.

The media has been filled with reports of improved production nationwide.

Total industrial output from January through June was 639.6 billion yuan (\$172.9 billion), up 10.8 per cent over the same period last year, the official Xinhua News Agency said, quoting the State Statistics Bureau.

By comparison, industrial output in the first half of 1988 grew 17.2 per cent over the same period one year earlier. This year, the government set a target of gradually declining growth rates, beginning with below 16 per cent in the first quarter and below 13 per cent in the second.

The goal for the year is a 10 increase in production over 1988. Meanwhile, China cancelled summer vacations yesterday for all government and Communist Party workers nationwide, saying they needed to make up for economic losses during the recent unrest and warning anyone flouting the ban would be punished.

The order, carried by the Communist Party newspaper People's Daily, was issued as an "urgent notice" by the party central committee and the State Council, China's cabinet, which oversees government agencies.

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## Largest increases to medical doctors

## Steep pay hikes unveiled

ANKARA, Turkey, July 8, (AP): The Turkish government today announced steep pay increases for civil servants in a new policy designed to raise the governing party's sagging political fortunes.

Finance Minister Ekrem Pakdemirli told a news conference that the salary hikes for 1.5 million civil servants will range from 90 to 160 per cent, with the largest increases to medical doctors and university instructors.

The move followed similar hikes in May in the wages of 600,000 workers employed by state-run companies.

Premier Turgut Ozal said today that the government will also postpone farmers' debts to state banks, make prompt payments for state wheat purchases, and allocate more funds for social housing.

"We are giving you all these and you will give us votes," Ozal bluntly told a crowd in the eastern city of Erzurum. His remarks were carried by the semi-official Anatolia News Agency.

"We listened to the voice of the electorate," said Pakdemirli in Ankara.

Ozal's governing Motherland



Turgut Ozal

Party lost heavily nation-wide local elections in March, coming in third with 21.7 per cent of the votes. According to latest public opinion polls support has diminished even more since then to about 15 per cent.

High inflation, 75 per cent last year and expected to be about the same this year, is considered a major cause of the election defeat and the continued slide in public support.

Ozal spent lavishly on development projects such as dams and highways but real incomes of salaried Turks, wage

earners and farmers went down by about 50 per cent since he came to power in 1983.

The drop in Ozal's support has encouraged opposition parties to call for early elections. They say the current parliament, where the Motherland has a 291-seat majority out of total 450 seats, is no longer representative.

Only a majority of the parliament can call early elections in Turkey.

The government's recent generosity to voters worst hit by high inflation is considered by some commentators as a sign that Ozal is gearing up for early polls as well. They said elections could be scheduled for later this year or early next year.

But, publicly Ozal has not budged from his stand that he intends to stay on until the end of his term in 1992.

Economic analysts fear that benefits to wage earners will soon be wiped out by an acceleration in the rate of inflation as the budget deficit widens to pay for the salary hikes.

Pakdemirli contended today that the increases in salaries will be met from rising tax revenues and will not cause a larger public deficit.

## Summit may not change economic direction

## World economies doing very well: Brady

BRUSSELS, Belgium, July 8, (AP): US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady said yesterday that officials of the major industrialised nations were unlikely to shift economic direction at next week's summit in Paris.

"We should bear in mind the economies of the world are doing very, very well," he told reporters in a satellite broadcast from Washington.

"I don't think anybody's talking about changing the throttle settings at this particular point in time," he said.

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trialised nations to stem the sharp rise in the dollar against other major currencies had been futile.

He noted the dollar's value had come down in recent weeks and currency markets were quiet. "I think the process is working very well," he said.

Central banks of the leading industrialised nations mounted an expensive campaign last spring to drive down the value of the dollar. They intervened heavily in the currency markets by selling dollars to try to change its value.

Finance officials of the seven major industrial powers have pledged to work together to keep the dollar stable.

Brady said there was no need to make the nations' co-operation on exchange rates more formal, as has been suggested by some European officials.

"We don't see any reason to change things in any material way and that would include a more rigid approach to exchange rates," he said. "We think the

market is doing its job, and we would feel very uneasy about tinkering with success."

He also said the Bush Administration did not expect the US economy to slip into a recession but rather have a "soft landing."

"Our economy has been going forward on an upward plane for the last seven years, so if that plane changes its slope a little bit ... then that is what we think is a soft landing — growth at slower rate," he said.

There have been growing fears of a recession in the United States.

Analysts predicted the Federal Reserve, the US central bank, will likely loosen its credit policy further in an effort to drive down consumer and business interest rates.

The Fed in March 1988 began a credit-tightening drive that lifted interest rates, a move designed to dampen growing inflationary pressures by reducing demands for borrowing.

## New economic policy hinted US to forgive some African debt

WASHINGTON, July 8, (AP): President George Bush's decision to forgive some African debt includes 16 nations and totals about \$1 billion, officials said yesterday.

Bush's announcement on Thursday will ease the debt burden starting Oct 1 for Benin, Cameroon, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia, Tanzania, Uganda and Zaire.

One official estimated the face value of the loans at \$590 million to \$600

## Philippine community's 1989 programmes

THE Kapisanang Filipino sa Kuwait (KAPILKU) will hold their forthcoming Little Mr & Miss Philippines — Kuwait on Aug 18. This year programme will include parlor games for all the children whether participants or not, will also include such as Pabutin, puppet shows, songs, dances and cartoons (mascots).

### Filipino parents

Children of Filipino parents ages three to seven will be eligible to take part in the contest. Valuable prizes, in cash and in kind will be given to the winners, who will also receive trophies and medals.

Other titles to be awarded to the children include Mr/Miss Luzon, Mr/Miss Visaya, Mr/Miss Mindanao and Mr/Miss Metro Manila. Special awards will be given to Mr/Miss Talent, Mr/Miss Photogenic and Mr/Miss Friendship. Other special prizes will also be given for the best attire and best gown.

Versatile Jojo Medrano, AVP for Welfare and Special Projects is the chairman while Secretary Rosafa Austria is the vice-chairperson.

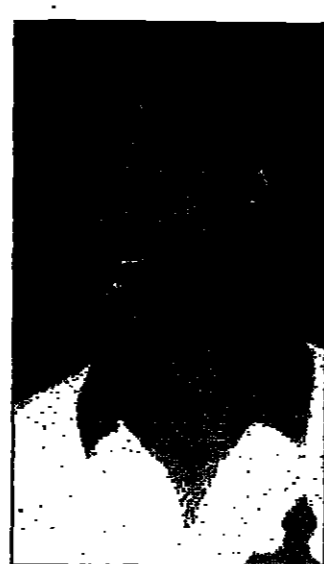
Deadline for registration will be on July 28 and for particulars please contact Sarah Macarimbang VP telephone No. 4843447, VP Homer Mesina, Jun Mercado Tel. 4899418, Weng Mendoza telephone 243800 ext 999 and Albert Arriola.

### Mutya Ng Pilipinas

The Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (KAPILKU) will hold their Philippine's Community Day on November 17 which also coincide with the selection of Mutya ng Pilipinas — Kuwait for 1989.



Rosafa Austria



Jojo Medrano

All Filipinos in Kuwait are welcome to join the celebration of the Community Day and will be entertained by best Filipino singers in town, cultural shows and valuable prizes will be given to all lucky guests during the raffle contests.

### Highlights

The celebration of Philippine Community Day will highlight the selection of Mutya ng Pilipinas — Kuwait 1989. The coveted award for the Mutya ng Pilipinas will be based on personality and talent of each contestant. Aside from the traditional trophies, the winners will also receive valuable prizes.

### Unity

President of KAPILKU Manny Inserto sees that this year's celebration will bring more closer ties and unity among Filipinos in Kuwait. Sarah Macarimbang vice-president for Social & Cultural

celebration will be the most colourful one. Flamboyant Sonny Uy, AVP for Social & Cultural Affairs and Versatile Jun Mercado are the vice-chairmen for these projects. Uy and Mercado will assist Sarah for the smooth flow of the occasions.

### Committee meetings

There will be a committee meeting on Friday, July 14 at Far East Restaurant at 8:00 pm. Topics to be discussed are as follows: programme, guest of honour, tickets (fees and outlets), numbers of candidates, criteria, plague of appreciation, trophies and prizes, sponsors, selection of judges, budget and open discussion.

Registration for the Mutya ng Pilipinas will begin on July 28 and application is available from the chairman Sarah Macarimbang, telephone number 4843447, Sonny Uy, telephone 4842988 and Jun Mercado telephone number 4899418.

### KAPILKU calendar of activities

July to December 1989

July 28 — Palarong Pilipino, awarding ceremonies at Keifan Gym.  
August 18 — Araw ng Mga Bata (Children's Day) and Little Mr & Miss Philippines — Kuwait.  
September 1 — KAPILKU Night (Bagong Kampeon & Singalike contest plus Bulilit Bagong Kampeon).  
September 8 & 15 — Tailoring class (free to all KAPILKU members).  
September 22 & 29 — Dressmaking class (free to all KAPILKU members).  
October 6, 13, 20 — Computer class (Basic & Advance) free to all KAPILKU members.  
October 27 — KAPILKU night — grand final.  
November 3 & 10 — Book-keeping & accountancy classes (free to all KAPILKU members).  
November 17 — Philippine Community Day & Mutya ng Pilipinas — 1989. Awarding of 10 Most Outstanding Filipinos/Makabayang Award 1988/89.  
December 15 — KAPILKU's Songfest 1989.

## NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait  
Al Hajri Pharmacy  
Al Hilali Street.  
Al Rasheed Pharmacy  
Ahmed Al Jaber Street  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Saada Pharmacy  
Nagra, Al Othman Street  
Salmiya and Rumaithiya  
Al Raed Pharmacy  
Rumaithiya, Amman Street  
Fahsheel and Almadhi  
Burqan Pharmacy  
Fahsheel, Sabah Souq.  
Jleeb Al Shiyoukh  
Palestine Pharmacy  
Main Street.  
Al Ri'ee  
Al Ri'ee Pharmacy  
Property of Bader Al Salem Al Ali, No. 12  
Jahra  
Al Abraj Pharmacy  
Daabal Al Khozai Street.

## CINEMA

Al Andalus  
Arabic film  
Al Salmiya  
Gragnet  
Al Hamra  
Raising Arizona  
Al Firdous  
Nafrai Ki Aandhi  
Starring: Dharmendra, Anita Raj  
Drive-In  
Arabic film  
Fahsheel Open Air  
Khoon Bhari Maang  
Al Fahsheel  
Alley Cat  
Al Jahra  
Roop Tera Mastana  
Granada  
Tera Karam  
Al Salmiya  
Sloane  
Al Jleeb  
Vendium Liza  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
Thunder Run

## Egyptian envoy visits OAPEC

THE ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the State of Kuwait, Saeed M. Rifaat, paid a courtesy visit to the headquarters of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) on Thursday, July 6. He was received by OAPEC's acting Secretary-General, Abdelaziz Al Wattari.

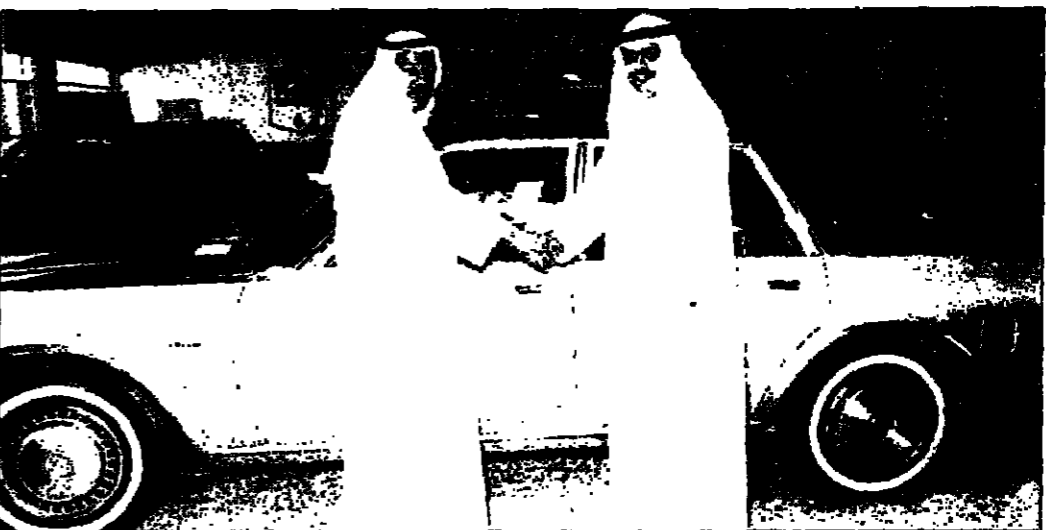
Al Wattari reiterated his pleasure at the end of the suspension of Egypt's membership in the Organisation and its sponsored ventures and the



Egyptian Ambassador Saeed M. Rifaat (left) talks with Abdelaziz Al Wattari.

return of matters to normal. He expressed the hope that Egypt's presence would contribute to a better future for OAPEC. Discussions covered OAPEC's role in co-ordinating joint Arab action in the oil and energy sector and in seeking to maximise

the level of co-operation between member countries in this vital sector in pursuit of the organisation's objectives. They also reviewed recent developments in world oil markets and related trends in the Arab countries.



## Used cars cash draw

The Al Mulla used cars cash draw was held on June 18, under the supervision of Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Interior officials. Cash prizes of KD2,500/- were distributed to the following winners:  
1st prize — KD1,500, won by Abdul Razzak Mohammed Al Khamies.  
2nd prize — KD750 won by Khalid Mohamad Abdulla and  
3rd prize — KD250, won by Mohamed Yasin.

Picture shows the 1st prize winner Abdul Razzak Mohd Al Khamies (left) receiving his cheque from Khalid Najeeb Al Mulla.



## Hotter than July

A pop, rock, country and reggae music festival, "Hotter than July," attracted a large crowd of enthusiasts to the Messilah Beach Hotel on Friday night. The show, organised by the Afro-Arab Friendship Group, featured Top Ranks, Earthquake, Zambesi, Manila Boys, Louie Villeveau and the Daniel Sisters. A special appearance was made by Steve Michael. Picture shows some of the performers.

(Photos by Hitham Murshed)

## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
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**Sadu House**  
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**Tarek Rajab Museum**  
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### SOCIAL

**Red and Black Nite**  
THE Red and Black Nite will be held on July 12, and not July 11 as previously announced. Raven Tantri of the Weekend said the venue will not change. It will be held in the Sheikh Ballroom, Regency Palace Hotel. Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers and Stepping Stones in attendance. Highlights: selection of Red and Black couple; original costume and live contest. For reservations call Hilary — 5741380; Julio — 5734513; Mercedes — 4890566; Raven — 2401803/804.

**Bangladesh Association**  
JULY 21: The association invites all Bangladeshis to join the Bangladesh Library as founder/life members. Those who are interested can contact any executive member of the association on July 21 from 6 to 8 pm at the embassy premises. A meeting will be held at the embassy premises on August 4 to discuss the formation of the library.

**United Goans**  
AUG 3: Summerbelle '89 is

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**Farewell pictures**  
Photographs taken at the farewell reception for outgoing Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha, organised by the Indian community, are available from Sami Farooqi. Those who are interested in getting a copy of their contact Tel: 2446489.

**Independents Ball**  
AUG 17, 8.30 pm onwards at Messilah Beach Hotel. Music by Top Ranks and Perfect Strangers. Organised by Kuwait Independents Hockey. For tickets and details call Shree Bajaj (2445825) or Flavian D'Mello (2421252) after 7.30 pm.

**Kapilku Children's Contest**  
AUGUST 18: Kapilku will hold the Little Mr and Miss Philippines, Kuwait contest at Kuwait Plaza Hotel. This coincides with Araw ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). Last date for submitting entries is July 28. For details contact Jojo Medrano, AVP, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosafa Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang - Tel: 483447.

**Tivim Centre**  
OCT. 26: Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Lot of surprises await. For further information contact the organisers.

**Eid Prayers**  
THE Bangladesh Association will hold the Eid Al Adha prayers at the Bangladesh embassy at 7 am. All Bangladeshis are invited.

**D'Assisi Social Evening**  
AUG 1: D'Assisi Association will hold their social evening at the Messilah Beach Hotel. The highlights of the evening will be the crowning of

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### KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and variety  
9.30 Cartoons  
10.00 Magazine d'Actualite  
10.15 Al Hob Wa Essabar: Arabic serial (Part 2)  
11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and variety  
11.15 Al Nisr Wa Ayoun Al Madinat: Arabic serial (Part 18)  
12.05 Sabah Al Khair News and variety  
12.20 That's Incredible: variety programme  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 The World Today via Satellite  
1.30 Flouma: cartoon serial  
2.00 Variety

2.15 Al Shams Baad Al Ghoyoub: Arabic serial (Part 5)  
3.00 Mawsoot Al Sona Al Nabawiya: Religious programme  
3.30 Bibi Folk and Calimiro: cartoon serial  
4.00 Rohban Al Sahra: historical serial (Part 2)  
6.00 Holy Quran stories: children's serial (Part 5)  
7.00 Space-Invasion: Cultural programme  
7.30 Ft Khedmat Al Jomhour: local programme  
8.15 Diwanat Shuara' Al Nabat: local programme  
9.00 News in Arabic  
10.00 Al Taaba: daily Arabic serial (Part 2)  
10.45 Sahara Monawa (late night variety)  
12.00 News Summary

12.05 The World Today via Satellite  
12.30 Holy Quran and Close-down

### KTV 2

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
6.10 Care Bears Cartoon  
6.30 Sea Hunt: Dr Mike and his daughter dive to recover the remains of a sunken vessel. When they return, they find their boat has disappeared.  
7.00 Architecture at the Crossroads: tonight, a look at the latest trends in architecture.  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 Haj and Umra: presented by Dr Abdul Monam  
9.00 Maelstrom: Katherine meets a reporter, who tells her that a woman, believed to have committed suicide, was killed.  
10.00 Kate and Allie: Kate and Allie discover a lover's message written 55 years ago, in the attic.  
10.30 Best Seller: "The Monocled Mutineer." Based on the book by William Allison and John Fairley.  
11.30 News Summary: Magazine d'Actualite; Holy Quran/Close-down.

### PRAYERS

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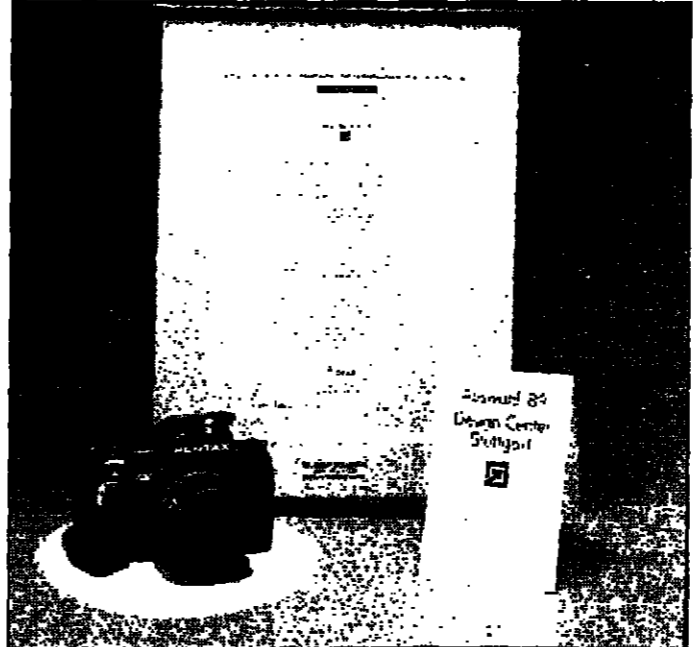
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## FILIPINO DIGEST

## SNIPPETS

**Protesters arrested:** Police arrested three student leaders who allegedly led some 50 students in entering the premises of the education department in Intramuros to protest tuition increase. Idgardo R. Mangahas, chairman of the militant League of Filipino students in Metro Manila, Wilfredo A. Valerio, national campaign co-ordinator of LFS and Tonette M. Gabor, chairman of the National Union of Students in the Philippines Metro Manila chapter, were taken to Manila police station 5 for questioning. Co. Romeo Maganto, station chief, said the three will be charged with illegal assembly and physical assault against persons of authority. Maganto said one of the policemen was punched in the jaw, while another was hit by a wooden club in the head when they tried to disperse students.

**Policeman accused:** A Manila policeman identified by a witness as the one who poked a gun at a tricycle driver on suspicion that he stole the lawman's tricycle was ordered detained by Western Police District Superintendent Bri. Gen Alfredo Lim.

Station 2 Pat Arnel Achico, 32, of 353-R Perla St. Tondo, was also recommended for summary dismissal by Lim to PC-INP director Brig. Gen Alexander Aguirre.

Achico was identified by fried fish vendor Marilou Santos, 22, as the one who poked a gun at Epifanio Mendoza, 26, of 12-A Maya-Maya St. Tondo on the night of May 2 and showed the driver to a tricycle.

Santos told general assignment section chief Capt. Cresencio Cabasal that she was walking for home on Coral St. in front of the barangay hall when she saw Achico poking the gun at Mendoza's head.

Mendoza's mother Araceli, 44, said she was told by a friend of Achico, a certain Tonyang Reyes, that her son was picked up by the policeman on suspicion that the driver stole the lawman's tricycle.

**Labourer killed:** A labourer was stabbed dead by unidentified men while walking to a neighbourhood store.

Marlon Guinim was walking in a dark alley when two men blocked his path and stabbed him twice.

The suspects fled.

Also last week, a carpenter was seriously wounded when he was stabbed repeatedly by a barangay councilman over an old grudge.

Francisco Bignon, 25, of 468 M. Hizon St. Daangbaki, Kalookan City, was rushed to the Jose Reyes Memorial Hospital for wounds in the chest and back.

Police said Bignon was walking home when he was attacked at the railroad tracks at 10 pm.

Police refused to name the official.

**Soldier arrested:** A retired PC soldier who allegedly killed his friend four days ago was arrested by policemen inside a Balingu Transit bus in Barangay San Jose, Baliuag, Bulacan recently.

Arrested was Victor Bernabe alias Berting PC of Barangay Dampol I in Pulilan, Bulacan.

Police said Bernabe was the principal suspect in the killing of Virgilio Calderon, 42, also of Barangay Dampol I.

Police also said that Bernabe shot dead Calderon over an old grudge.

**Gang arrested:** A member of a gang of robbers said to be responsible for a series of robbery and holdup cases in Bulacan was arrested by PC soldiers in his hideout in Barangay Marulas, Valenzuela last week.

Arrested was Rolando Chiva, 22, native of Iloilo and residing in Barangay Marulas, said Bulacan PCINP Commander Lieut Col Edgar C. Galante.

Galante said Chiva was a member of the "Bulirgan" gang. The gang's leader identified as Rafael Vergel, 35, of Barangay Bulihan, San Miguel, Bulacan was killed during an encounter with lawmen in Guiguinto, Bulacan on June 15.

Chiva admitted to PC and police investigators that their gang was behind the several robbery cases in different places in Bulacan.

Chiva said that since April 15 until June 15 they robbed grocery stores in Pulilan, San Rafael and Sta Maria towns of some P32,000 a gasoline station in San Rafael of P11,000, the Town Savings Bank in Pulilan of some P50,000 and drug stores in Balagtas and Malolos towns of P13,551.

Chiva identified to Galante the other members of the gang as Boy Libis, allegedly a nephew of a Manila policeman and a certain Rocky of Pasig, Metro Manila.

**Unlucky pickpockets:** A college student lost P2,000 to pickpockets but the money was recovered a few hours later when one of the suspects was arrested by police Binan, Laguna.

Edna Canog, 21, of Barangay Malilit, Sta Rosa, Laguna told officer-on-case Sgt Armando Salvador that she noticed her wallet containing the money missing at about 7:45 pm when she was on her way home.

A few hours later, Pat Isagani Lindo who was ordered by Binan police chief Maj. Ernesto Sanchez to track down the suspect arrested Raymond Gabarda, 19, of Barangay Malaban in Binan. Recovered from him was Canog's wallet with the money still intact.

**Logging action:** Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Fulgencio Factoran Jr has cited the efforts of the department's personnel in Region 2 in curbing illegal logging and log smuggling activities in Cagayan Valley.

In a congratulatory message to DENR regional director Rogelio Bagayyan, Factoran said the region's accomplishments in terms of confiscation of illegal logs during the first quarter of the year is worth emulating by the other DENR regional offices.

For the first quarter of the year, the DENR Region 2 office was able to generate some P7 million from the sale of confiscated forest products.

Bagayyan was also cited for his river banks stabilization programme which has been adopted by the DENR nationwide.

"Region 2's commitment towards the protection of the environment against siltation and soil erosion should be followed by other regions in the country," Factoran said.

**Riddling murder:** A 15-YEAR-OLD student was killed and his uncle was seriously wounded when two men riddled their house with bullets in Kalookan City.

Floriano Olayres of 119 Sikatuna Extension, Urduja Village, Kalookan City took a gunshot in the left arm. He died before reaching the Naval Medical General Hospital.

Olayres' uncle, Timoteo Barbin, 34, was hit in the right leg. He was rushed to the same hospital.

Police identified the gunmen as Marcelino Potenciano and Angel Cayetano, also of Sikatuna Extension. The two escaped.

L. Jake de Leon, Kalookan police deputy chief of detectives, said the Olayres family and their relatives were sleeping when Potenciano and Cayetano shot their house with a .30 Carbine rifle the two concealed in a basket, witnesses told police.

De Leon ordered four of his men to investigate reports that the Olayres family and the suspects have been feuding over a piece of land.

**Students calling:** Some 1,000 students from the different universities and colleges here walked out from their classes yesterday to protest against tuition increases.

Student leaders Joseph Japson and Valentino Reyna both of the University of Baguio (UB) said the mass action was only a prelude to a bigger mass action next week.

The students said the tuition was increased without consulting their parents and that it was not in accordance with guidelines set by the Department of Education, Culture and Sports.

UB Senior Vice-President Wilfredo W. said a dialogue had been scheduled between student leaders and school officials at the gym.

Schools in the city include University of the Philippines, St. Louis University, the Baguio Colleges Foundation and the Pines City Educational Centre.

**Children rounded up:** Three suspected drug pushers and more than 45 street children were rounded up by elements of the Pasay City Police Department led by Chief of Police Aquilino C. Jacob, this was announced by Vice-Mayor Ibarra Cruz. Vice Mayor Cruz said the operation was conducted by the police department after a dialogue with Police Chief Jacob in connection with Pasay City Anti-Drug Abuse Councils drive (PADCO) to minimise if not totally eradicate drug abuse in that city.

At the same time Vice-Mayor Cruz said he is organising the Pasay City Anti-Drug Abuse Council which members shall come not only from the government sector but also from civic organisation, religious organisation, media and other sectors.

Cruz also said he is going around all the schools of Pasay City to meet school teachers and officials to ask for their help in preventing abuse through educational means now that classes have started. (R.R. Vicencio).

## Miriam replaces Juico as DAR secretary

By Cynthia J. Balana

PRESIDENT Aquino this week named Immigration Commissioner Miriam Defensor-Santiago to head the scandal-ridden Department of Agrarian Reform after accepting the resignation of Secretary Philip Juico.

The President offered the DAR top post to Santiago Wednesday afternoon and told her "to start cleaning up the department" as soon as she takes her oath of office on Monday.

"The CID (Commissioner on Immigration and Deportation) mission is done. I must go where duty calls, because graft in any agency has a chilling effect on government," Santiago said when asked why she accepted the post. "In the first place, you cannot say no to the president."

Sen. Heherson Alvarez, chairman of the Senate committee on agrarian reform, said Santiago's appointment will "restore confidence in the government's agrarian reform programme."

Sen. Ernesto Maceda said Santiago "is a very good choice because she has the capacity to impose discipline on a problem department."

Peasant groups also welcomed her appointment. Dinky

Soliman, spokesperson of the anti-CARP (Congress for People's Agrarian Reform), said of Santiago: "Sya ay babaeng may integridad kaya inasahan namin ipaglalaban n'ya ang interes ng mga magsasaka at lagayod ang tunay na agrarian reform. (She is a woman of integrity and we hope she will fight for the interest of the farmer and a true agrarian reform.)"

Juico resigned his post "to spare the president from further controversy" in connection with his involvement in the Garchitorena land scandal.

The presidential committee which investigated the deal urged the president to accept Juico's resignation and recommended the prosecution of 14 persons who almost succeeded in swindling the government of P60 million.

"The committee finds no alternative other than to recommend the acceptance of the offer of resignation of Secretary Philip Juico, because the goals and objectives of CARP may not be achieved even by a well-intentioned leadership which is buffeted by mounting and widespread criticism," said a portion of the report of the committee



Santiago

headed by retired Supreme Court Justice Jose Fera.

In accepting Juico's resignation, Aquino described him as a man who "withstood the test with your integrity and compassion intact."

"Your act is rare and commendable, premised as it is on your unchallengeable thesis that the success of agrarian reform programme transcends us all," the president told Juico in a letter.

Sources said Santiago was originally being considered to replace Justice Secretary Sedfrey Ordenez when he retires but that the land scandal prompted Aquino to immediately pull Santiago out of CID.

"I nearly fell off my chair when the president offered me the post of agrarian reform secretary," Santiago told newsmen.

"I remember that I also nearly fell off my chair when the president offered me the post of immigration chief. I am getting suspicious of the chairs in her house at Arlegui," Santiago laughed.

This week, Santiago gathered all her technical assistants and thanked them for supporting her as she confirmed her acceptance of the DAR post. Her nomination must still be confirmed by the Commission on Appointments but her supporters see no problem there.

Santiago has recommended to the president her successor at the CID but refused to name him. However, CID sources said her recommendee was Associate Immigration Commissioner Bienvenido Alano Jr, former Navy commander.

Two CID technical assistants have also been recommended by Santiago as associate commissioners, the same sources said.

"To preserve our gains in the campaign against corruption in CID, it is necessary that the leadership should remain with people who share my commitment to public service," she said.

Santiago was last year's Ramon Magsaysay awardee for government service, Asia's version of the Nobel Prize. For her "bold and moral leadership in cleaning up a graft-ridden government agency."

Santiago viewed her new appointment to DAR as a "replication" of her CID function, because it will also involve graft-busting.

"In CID I had to fight criminal syndicates, and thus my future work would be called Star Wars. In the DAR, I have to unmask financial syndicates, and thus my future work would be called Indiana Jones in the Temple of Doom," she said.

As to her policies and programmes, Santiago said she will announce them after she has fully educated herself on the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988, and related

status. The commissioner is a constitutional and international expert.

"Like Winston Churchill, I am always ready to learn but I do not always like being taught," she said, obviously referring to her would-be detractors at the DAR.

As the next agrarian reform chief, Santiago promised to promote "equality of wealth, and not equality of poverty."

"In seeking a balance between the interests of the land-owners and those of the farmers, we should be guided by the policy clearly enunciated in the law," she said. "The CARL provides that the welfare of the landless farmers and farmworkers will receive the highest consideration."

Santiago is married to Customs Collector Narciso Santiago and they have two children, both boys. She said they do not own farmlands and that her husband's own family farmlands in Tarlac were placed under the reform under PD No. 27.

At the agrarian reform department, DAR officials expressed sadness over the departure of Juico who "was easy to get along with and who treated us with respect."

## Juico cleared in Garchi deal

Presidential committee disagrees with findings

THE presidential committee that investigated the Garchitorena land deal has cleared Agrarian Reform Secretary Philip Juico and recommended that the transaction that would have deprived the government of P60 million be declared null and void.

But a member said the committee felt President Aquino should accept Juico's resignation to give the Department of Agrarian Reform as well as the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Programme (CARP) a fresh start. Meanwhile, Ombudsman Conrado Vasquez hinted Juico might still be charged criminally in connection with the land scam.

A source said that while the committee is not recommending charges against those involved in the case, at least nine DAR officials and seven other persons can be held liable for criminal liabilities by the ombudsman.

The committee is also recommending the reinstatement of 10 minor DAR employees who did not have a direct hand in facilitating the deal.

The committee disagreed with the findings of a joint congressional panel that the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law is basically a sound law.

The committee suggested major amendments to the CARL to make the law more responsive to the farmers' needs.

The committee has conducted 17 hearings with 73 witnesses testifying under oath over a one-month period.

Talking to newsmen, Ombudsman Vasquez yesterday hinted that government investigators would look into the possibility of filing criminal charges against Juico if it could be established that his negligence caused damage to the government.

Vasquez said he has discussed with Fera the possibility of charging Juico in connection with the scandal.

Juico, who offered to resign, has been virtually cleared of criminal liability in connection with the Garchitorena scandal by two government investigating bodies.

The National Bureau of Investigation and the joint congressional committee on agrarian reform have recommended the filing of criminal charges against several DAR officials and private businessmen for conspiracy to defraud the government. But both investigating bodies cited Juico only for negligence in approving the payment of P62.7 million for the property, which Sharp International Phils had acquired for P32.2 million a few months earlier.

Meanwhile, DAR acting Secretary Benjamin Leong said Speaker Ramon V. Mitra was not among the stockholders of Bohol Cattle Corp. - BCC) listed on the firm's "claim folder." The folder contains the offer of the firm to sell to the DAR 2,000 hectares in Trinidad, Bohol.

"There is no information about that (Mitra's links with BCC). Maybe there was a mistake dahil haka naman sabi sa kanila ay Speaker 'yan,'" Speaker Cornelio Villareal Sr. Leong said.

Documents made available by DAR showed that the firm's incorporators, Crescencio Richard, Eduardo Miranda, Chelacio Judah, Juan Corinales and Efrain Pelayo, while its board members are Cornelio Villareal Jr, Angeles Villareal, Bienvenido Lavatiz, Ramon Martinez and Leonardo Amores.

Leaders of the Ki'usang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas claimed Mitra, through the firm, was offering to sell the property "possibly at an overprice."

Mitra has denied the allegation, saying he has no land in Bohol.

But Basilio Propogongo, KMP president for the Visayas, said they have witnesses and documents to prove Mitra owns the property.

## Tribesmen seek revenge

By Fe Zamora

DIGOS, Davao del Sur - Black is for mourning. For the Iltuman cultists avenging the massacre of 39 comrades, black is the symbol of invincibility.

"Kini ang moubungkag sa armas sa kaaway." (This will break the guns of the enemy), said Juli Caniedo, 19, unknotting the black scarf from his neck. He spread out a triangular cloth edged with red thread and embellished with yellow embroidery.

The black scarf must be worn with black pants and shirt as one goes to battle. A companion piece is a square inch pouch of synthetic leather containing blessed coconut oil which is worn as a pendant.

The color black enveloping his body is every Iltuman warrior's own bullet proof vest.

"An Iltuman who gets hit has violated the rules," explained Arsenio Ogos, alias Commander Jacky, the regional commander for the Davao provinces.

"As long as we strictly follow the code of conduct, we don't need to seek cover during gunfights."

The rules are simple. An Iltuman who drinks, lies, womanizes or steals is doomed to die in the battlefield. "We have our Lord Knight Divine to guide us," Ogos said, showing off his black scarf with the red and yellow embroidery. He was wearing black polo and black pants tucked into black boots. He also had a black hat.

For a nameplate, Ogos' had embroidered (on the top pockets of his polo), the words Commander Jacky and Black Fighter.

The Iltuman was founded by Dodong Adim, alias Commander X, in Kidapawan, Cotabato, in the early '80s. "We are so many, you cannot count us," Ogos said.

Among those killed in last Sunday's massacre at Sitio Rano, Barangay Binatan, this town was Clemente Ayap alias Commander Maya, the Iltuman chieftain in the area. Communist rebels

beheaded Ayap and his brother, Protestant minister Abadi Ayap, both reported to be rabid anti-communists.

Himself an avowed anti-communist, Ogos was former member of the Civilian Home Defense Force. When the CHDF was disbanded, he organized the Black Fighter and was absorbed by the Armed Forces as a "special force" which entitles him to some "salary."

Government troops battling the insurgents normally support civilian anti-communist vigilante groups by giving them arms and allowances. The AFP has until 1991 to defeat the 20-year insurgency war.

Last Tuesday, military authorities here supplied arms to the Iltuman who want to fight the NPA. Brig. Gen. Mariano Bacay, military commander in the area said the Iltuman will also be trained as Citizens Armed Forces Geographical Unit (CAFGU).

"They will fight in the frontline and in the sideline, but they will not be used as baits (against the NPA)," Bacay told the inquirer.

"My members are all killers," Ogos told the inquirer. On his waist is a cal. 38 and strapped on his back is a Japanese samurai. He had come to Sitio Rano to "reinforce" the Iltuman harassed by the NPAs. But he was late.

Cameado, a Bagobo, is looking forward to wearing the all-black get-up in the next few days as he hunts for NPAs who attacked the village. Caniedo's kid brother was among the victims.

A labourer at the National Food Authority in this town, Caniedo said he joined the Iltuman last year. He was to be designated commander, but he was scared of the awesome responsibility.

But the bloodshed and the arrival of Commander Jacky have inspired him to "rejoin" the group.

"Manimalos gyod mi. Maningkamot mi (We will get even. We will try our best)," he said, cradling his Garand with a black scarf hanging from the barrel.

## Patient rejection eyed

THE Department of Health warned hospitals against rejecting patients for lack of deposit.

It issued the warning after receiving reports that some hospitals are rejecting patients because they do not have money for deposit.

Health Undersecretary Tomas Maramba confirmed "we have received reports that even in emergency cases some patients were turned down because they cannot produce the money for deposit."

Maramba said during emergency cases, a patient should be given first aid treatment before deposit money is demanded. He said doctors have the responsibility to treat patients in any condition.

## Death toll of rebels ascending

A TOTAL of 54 communist rebels and 23 government troops were reported killed in recent encounters nationwide.

Of the casualties, 45 rebels and 17 government fighters died during a 40-day intensive military operation which freed three Abra towns from the new People's Army, the military said.

Cordillera PC Recon chief Col Juanito Aquias said Ka Ram, the alleged head of the Mountain Province Provincial Party Committee, and three rebels were captured during the Abra push dubbed Operation Pakilala.

A constabulary sergeant and two policemen were killed the past two days by suspected communist hit men in two separate ambushes in Tagig, Metro Manila and in Ibayay, Aklan.

Last Tuesday, two communist guerrillas and a militiaman were killed while a civilian was seriously wounded when some 100 NPA rebels raided a military detachment in Iriga city, the PC in Camarines Sur reported.

Last week, at least seven NPA rebels were killed, three amazons captured, and two soldiers wounded in two separate encounters in Calape, Bohol.

Five rebels were reported killed by Army Scout Rangers led by Capt. Emmanuel Bautista in a clash in Sitio Bajie, Barangay Cabayugan, Calape. One of the victims was identified as Eustaquio Labores, 47.

Members of the 343rd PC Company under Capt. Ignacio Umbaya encountered a rebel group also in Cabayugan, and killed two rebels identified as Bruno Patao alias Ka Paul and a certain Tony. Three amazons, identified as Caridad Concha alias Ka Sally, Maribel Cojete alias Ka Jean and Rufa Vigonte, were captured.

Lt Col Romeo Soriano, Tagig police station commander, said 17 Sgt Sinforiano Gigayo, 37, died after being shot twice in an ambush by three youthful assailants in Tagig.

Gigayo, who was assigned with the Constabulary Support Command based in Camp Crane, Quezon City, was driving his jeep along 1st Avenue in Bagong Tanyag, Tagig, when he was attacked.

Witnesses said the suspects all in their early 20s, escaped on a commandeered tricycle after taking the slain officer's .45 calibre pistol.

Two policemen identified as Patrolman

Arnulfo Abaygar of San Jose, Molo, and Arturo Tanquerido of Dingle, Iloilo were killed in an ambush by a group of communist rebels Wednesday morning in Barangay Aparicio, Ibayay, Aklan, a military report said.

It said troopers of the 602nd INP field force were crossing the Ibayay river on their way back to the headquarters after patrolling Barangay Aparicio when they were waylaid by about 30 heavily armed communist rebels.

The first volley of gunfire hit Abaygar in the abdomen and Tanquerido on his upper breast. Both died on the spot, the report said.

Camarines Sur PC commander Lt Col Ruffo Pulido, in a report to Camp Bagong Inal in Legazpi City, identified the fatality in the raid of a military detachment in Iriga City as Avelino Amelin, a member of the Citizens Armed Force Geographical Unit. He said Flora de Villa, a civilian, was wounded in the crossfire.

Pulido said the rebels also ambushed the military reinforcement bound for the Sta. Teresita assistance centre to aid the beleaguered government troops.

## LFS head cleared

A CITY prosecutor cleared League of Filipino Students chairman Nathaniel Santiago of sedition and illegal assembly charges, but police held on to him for other possible charges.

Manila assistant prosecutor Victorino Alvaro said Santiago and other demonstrators were lawfully holding a rally at the Rocas Tulay ng Kalayaan when police dispersed them.

Western Police District authorities, however, refused until 8 pm the next day to release him and said they were considering for other charges against the student leader.

As this developed, the Department of Labour and Employment called officials of the University of Santo Tomas and its faculty union to a dialogue on Monday to head off more unrest in the university.

Hundreds of teachers at the centuries-old university went on mass leave starting Thursday to press for the reinstatement of 16 faculty union officers and the payment of P11 million in backwages.

It could not immediately be determined, however, the extent of class disruptions due to the protests. The faculty union and university administration gave conflicting accounts.

Melvyn Alamis, an executive officer and one of the terminated officers, said 1,200 teachers joined the mass leave. She said the "entire university was dead" due to the protests.

University spokesman Belen Tanco, however, belied this, saying normal classes were going on in most of the 14 colleges inside the 21-hectare campus.

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Grand finale of solar system

# Voyager nears Neptune

By Lee Siegel

PASADENA, California, (AP): Twelve years, three planets and 4.4 billion miles (7.1 billion kilometres) after leaving Earth, Voyager 2 is approaching Neptune, a swirling, blue-green planet with a backward-moving moon, for the last stop on an extraordinary tour.

"The solar system is our neighbourhood, and we're getting to the end of the neighbourhood," said Norm Haynes, Voyager project manager at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's jet propulsion laboratory.

Voyager 2 already has detected a dark spot on Neptune, which due to the eccentricity of Pluto's orbit is currently the most distant planet. The spot may be a giant storm like Jupiter's great red spot. As it nears the planet, the probe will search for undiscovered moons and partial rings.

And at 0400 GMT on Aug. 25, Voyager will swoop within 3,000 miles (4,800 kilometres) of Neptune's north pole cloudtops — the closest of its close encounters and the first spacecraft to visit the planet.

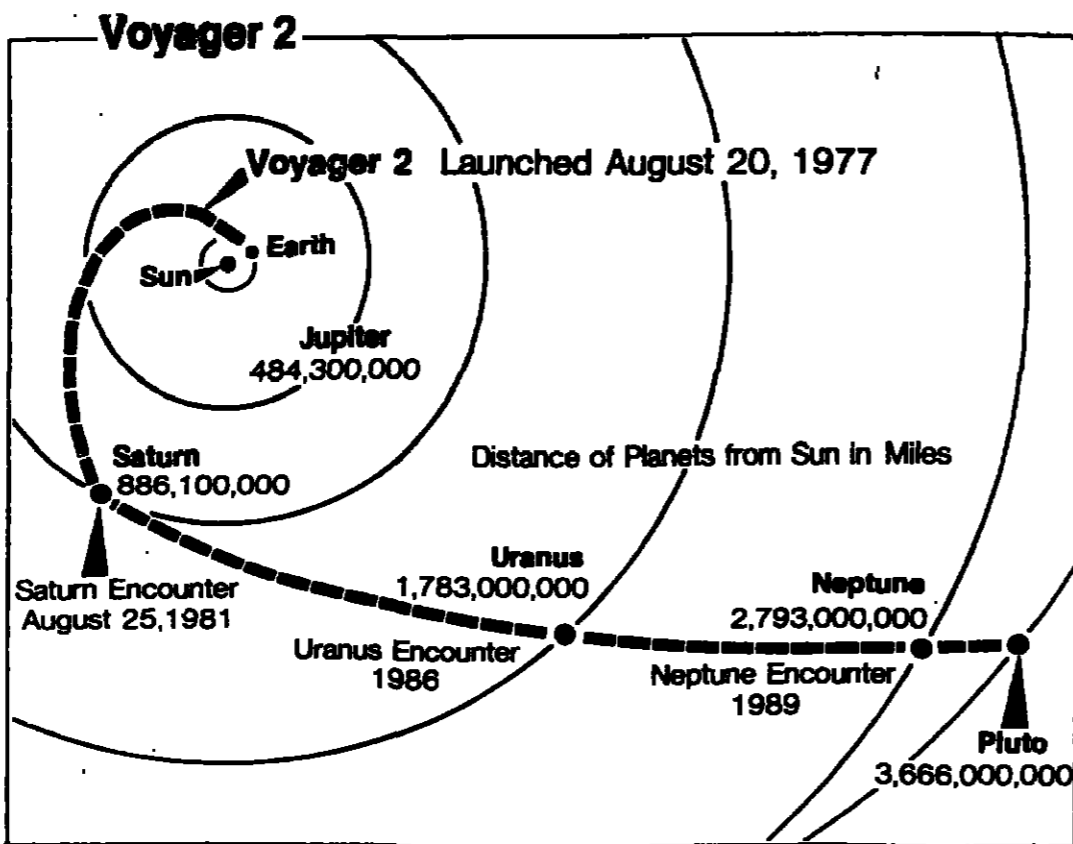
It will be 2.75 billion miles (4.43 billion kilometres) from Earth after travelling 4.43 billion miles (7.14 billion kilometres) along its curving path. The information it sends back at the speed of light will take four hours and six minutes to arrive.

Five hours after the closest encounter, Voyager will fly within 25,000 miles (40,300 kilometres) of Triton, which, unlike most moons, orbits in the opposite direction of Neptune's rotation. The planet's other known moon is Nereid.

Launched

Voyager 1 and 2, laden with TV cameras and an array of sensors, were launched in 1977. They visited Jupiter in 1979 and Saturn in 1980 and 1981, respectively. Voyager 2 reached Uranus in 1986. Voyager 1 now is heading toward interstellar space.

Voyager 1 and 2 returned 65,000 photographs of Jupiter,



Map shows the approximate route of Voyager-2.

Saturn and their moons and rings. Voyager 2 sent back 8,000 pictures of Uranus and its moons, and will take another 8,000 of Neptune.

At a cost Haynes pegged at \$865 million through the Neptune encounter, the Voyagers "returned more new knowledge about the outer planets... than existed in all of the preceding history of astronomy," NASA says.

Neptune, discovered in 1846, is 30,700 miles (49,500 kilometres) in diameter — six times Earth's size and the fourth-largest planet after Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus. A Neptunian year lasts 165 Earth years, and a day lasts 17 to 18 Earth hours. Neptune usually is the eighth planet, but because of Pluto's highly elliptical orbit, Neptune will be the ninth and outermost until 2007.

Scientists expect Voyager to discover at least 10 small moons, deputy project scientist Ellis Miner said.

Some moons may confine or shepherd the 5- to 12-mile-wide (8- to 19-kilometre) incomplete rings, called "ring arcs," orbiting Neptune, said physicist Ed Stone, NASA's Voyager project scientist and a vice-president at California Institute of Technology.

Voyager also may discover dust bands and 50 to 100 partial rings in addition to the three to six arcs scientists believe they detected from Earth, Stone speculated. The partial rings, possibly made of dust and pebbles, most likely are debris from the collision of a comet and an ancient moon, he said.

Voyager should be some 33,400 miles (53,900 kilometres) above Neptune's clouds when it

crosses the ring region, so it is unlikely to be destroyed by an unseen arc, he said.

The probe also will study Neptune's weather. Scientists believe the 6,200-mile-wide (10,000-kilometre) dark spot it found probably is similar to Earth's hurricanes or Jupiter's great red spot. The source of the internal heat driving Neptune's storms is a mystery — Earth's comes from decaying radioactive material in rocks.

Neptune is pale blue-green because methane in its mostly hydrogen-helium atmosphere absorbs red light. Scientists suspect that a third of the way toward the planet's centre, the atmosphere becomes a superhot slurry of hot water and rock, so Neptune — like neighbouring Uranus — probably lacks a distinct sky-sea boundary, Stone said.

## Eavesdropping on the universe

By Matt Mygatt

SOPHISTICATED receivers enable scientists to pull in the weak 20-watt signal from the Voyager 2 space probe as it approaches the planet Neptune some 2.75 billion miles (4.43 billion kilometres) away.

By comparison, a radio receiver on Earth can normally pick up a signal from a strong AM radio station no more than 300 miles (500 kilometres) away. Such AM stations might have a power of 50,000 watts.

Bill Brundage, Voyager preparation manager for the very large array (VLA) radio telescope in New Mexico, compares Voyager's signal to a flickering light bulb. The power output was set low to conserve precious energy on the long flight.

Voyager's signals have become steadily fainter since its encounters with Jupiter in 1979, Saturn in 1981 and Uranus in 1986. The signals, and com-

mands sent to the 12-year-old probe, now take four hours and six minutes to travel the vast distance.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's deep space network is utilised to talk to Voyager, which will fly within 3,000 miles (4,800 kilometres) of Neptune on Aug. 25. The DSN has three complexes: Goldstone in California's Mojave Desert; Madrid, Spain; and Tidbinbilla, Australia, near Canberra.

When Voyager flew by Uranus, the California and Australian listening posts used three antenna dishes each — one 210 feet (64 metres) across and two 112 feet (34 metres) — and the Madrid station used one of each, said Mary Beth Murrill, a spokeswoman for NASA's jet propulsion laboratory in Pasadena, California. The Canberra complex also was linked to Australia's 210-foot (64-metre) Parkes radio astronomy telescope.

For Neptune, the 210-foot (64-metre) dishes at Goldstone, Canberra and Madrid have been increased to 230 feet (70 metres) and another 112-foot (34-metre) antenna was built at Madrid. In addition, the VLA is being used in conjunction with Goldstone, Parkes again is linked with Canberra, and a Japanese telescope will be added to the network.

The different sites ensure that at least one station can communicate with the spacecraft at any time, Brundage said.

"The VLA alone gives us almost a third more images than if we didn't have it," said Norm Haynes, Voyager project manager at JPL.

The one-of-a-kind VLA sits on an ancient lake bed. The site is skirted by four mountain ranges, protecting it from much of the electronic interference from television, radios, aircraft and the like.

It consists of 27 white dish-

shaped antennas, each 82 feet (25 metres) in diameter, 92 feet (28 metres) high and weighing 235 tons (213,190 kilograms). The dishes sit on the plains of San Augustin amid tumbleweed, cattle and sparse vegetation at an altitude of 7,000 feet (610 metres).

The dishes are arranged along three arms of railroad track, laid out in the shape of a Y. Two arms are 13 miles (21 kilometres) long and the third is 11.8 miles (18.9 kilometres). The Earth rotates the Y like a turntable, creating images that have the same detail as if using a radio telescope up to 26 miles (42 kilometres) in diameter.

A special 36-wheel transporter moves each antenna to one of 72 observation stations along the three arms. This acts like a zoom lens — the farther out the dishes, the higher the resolution — the closer in, the larger the field of view.

Spiders studied as source of strong fibres

## Suspended by a silken strand

By Malcolm Ritter

IN research that could provide new materials for high-strength cables, bulletproof vests and sutures, scientists have turned to one of the most delicate-looking fibres in nature: silk spun by spiders.

Researchers want to learn more about the gossamer threads because they offer an apparently unique combination of great stretchability and strength.

Some day, scientists hope, spider genes will be customized to produce silks with characteristics most needed for various uses,

maybe even clothing.

A spider already may produce half a dozen kinds of silk for a variety of jobs, each one coming from a different gland. Several kinds are used in webs. Another, called dragline silk, is what spiders use to dangle from the ceiling. Still another is used to

make a cocoon for eggs.

In contrast, silkworms spin only one kind of silk, said David Kaplan of the US Army Natick Research, Development and Engineering Centre in Natick, Massachusetts.

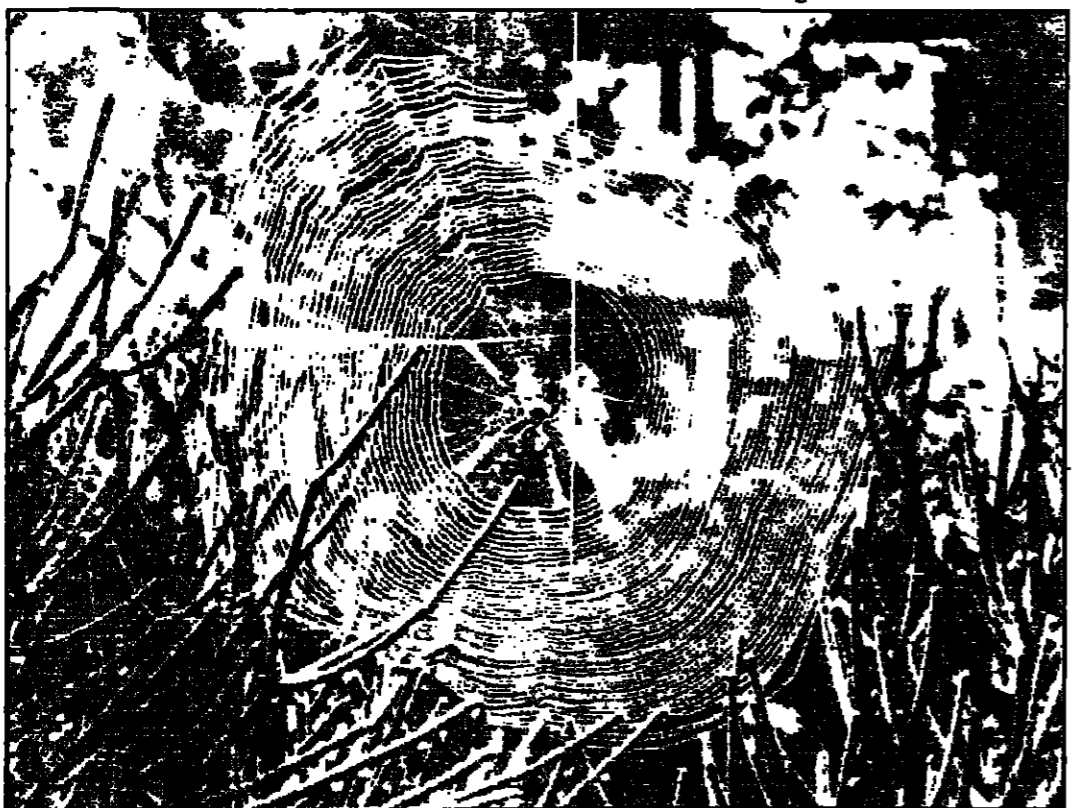
Some spider silk is nearly as strong as kevlar, a synthetic fibre used in bulletproof vests, said Randy Lewis, head of the molecular biology department at the University of Wyoming.

Much of the work so far has focused on the dragline silk of the golden orb-weaver. Found in Florida and Central and South America, the spider is named for its yellowish webs, which can be up to six feet (almost two metres) wide.

Kaplan, Stephen Lombard and Wayne Muller have determined the detailed chemical makeup of the dragline silk, and are using that information to seek the gene that directs its production.

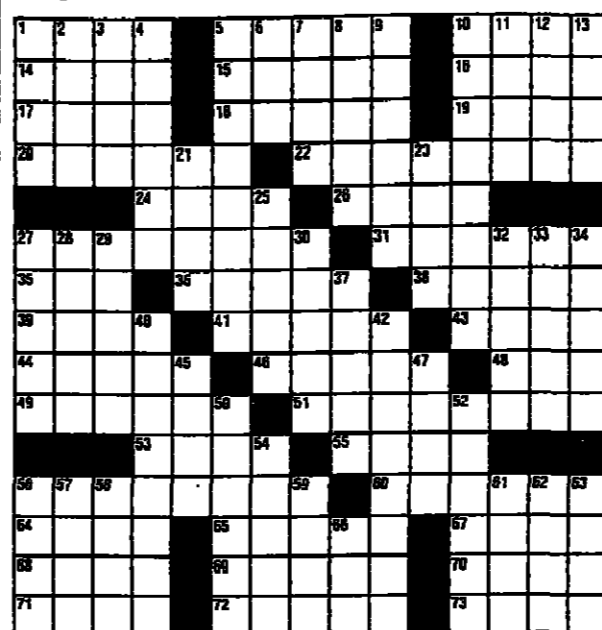
Lewis, whose work is supported by the Federal Office of Naval Research, believes he has found the gene. He is now determining its chemical details.

Finding a silk gene is important because researchers then can insert it in bacteria or some other organism that can churn out the protein that makes up the silk far faster than spiders do. That will allow further study of the protein, to find out why it is so stretchable and why it has other properties of interest.



Web building involves the weaving of strands into geometric traps like the orb of the silver argiope spider.

### TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Legislative group
  - Secrecy
  - Mineral springs
  - "Damn Yankees" vamp
  - Martini
  - Mademoiselle
  - Muslim leader
  - Mountain nymph
  - de foie gras
  - Inn
  - Person of action
  - Harsh sound
  - Pettitioner
  - Propellers, e.g.
  - Lamented
  - Stowe character
  - Zodiac sign
  - Shoulder cover
  - Soft part of fruit
  - Marsh birds
  - Eject
  - Singer
  - Fitzgerald et al.
  - Confederate gen.
  - Vacation time, for elves
  - "Old Faithful" for one
  - Cook, at times
  - Afternoon socials
  - Box
- DOWN**
- Certain BA
  - Toronto's Casa
  - Popular name
  - David
  - TV angels
  - Through family
  - Harvests
  - Hymn of praise
  - 10 part
  - Land map
  - Choir member
  - Prophet
  - Pro
  - Old's oldies
  - Preceding
  - Fasten down again
  - Small egg
- ACROSS**
- Belladonna derivative
  - Weights
  - Part of the landscape
  - Saltwater
  - Likewise
  - Wide-mouthed jar
  - Part of the calendar year
  - So long, in Soho
  - Merchandise
  - Greek island
  - Jug
- DOWN**
- Score
  - Whiters
  - Name: Lat.
  - Type of type
  - Inhibit
  - Auctions
  - Idyllic
  - Boston and Baltimore
  - Trickle
  - One of Isaac's sons
  - Showered
  - Elaborate
  - Woodcock relative
  - Alonzo
  - Ornamental ware
  - Rock's complement
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### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE

Both vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ K 9 8  
 ♥ A 8 4  
 ♦ K 6 5 4  
 ♣ 6 4 2

**WEST**  
 ♠ 6  
 ♥ K Q J 10 9 5  
 ♦ 9 8 7  
 ♣ A Q 8

**EAST**  
 ♠ 5 4 3  
 ♥ 7 3 2  
 ♦ Q J 10  
 ♣ J 10 9 7

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A Q J 10 7 2  
 ♥ 6  
 ♦ A 3 2  
 ♣ K 5 3

The bidding:

South West North East  
 1 ♠ 2 ♥ 2 ♠ Pass  
 4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♣  
 We are particularly fond of this hand's theme. When we first encountered it at the table, the declarer was the greatest woman player who ever lived, the late Helen Sobel Smith.

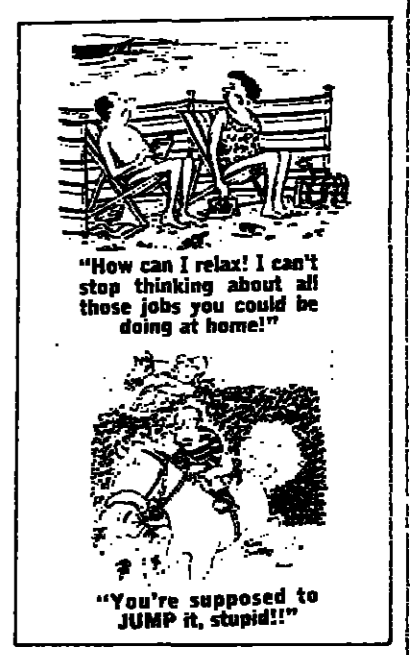
Note North's raise to two spades. Although he holds an ace and two kings, his square distribution is a flaw and a simple raise describes his hand adequately, but he is maximum for such action.

West led the king of hearts, and declarer's problem is obvious. He has a sure diamond loser, so he cannot afford to lose more than two club tricks. Since West almost surely holds the ace of clubs for his vulner-

able overall, East cannot be allowed to gain the lead before a diamond is set up, because a club shift through the king could be fatal.

We would expect most good players today to make their contract. The solution is simple, yet elegant. Despite the fact that declarer holds a singleton heart, he should allow West's king to win the first trick. Now the contract can be guaranteed if diamonds are 3-3 or if West, by some miracle, holds the ace of clubs no more than doubleton.

Suppose West shifts to a diamond. Declarer wins in hand, cashes the ace of trumps and continues with a low trump to dummy's nine. He discards a diamond on the ace of hearts, cashes the king of diamonds and ruffs a diamond. When both defenders follow, dummy's long diamond is established. Declarer crosses to dummy with the king of spades, in the process extracting the last of the defenders' fangs, and takes the diamond for his 10th trick. He can then lead toward the king of clubs in a futile attempt to score an overtrick.



### THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



### B.C.

By Johnny Hart



### YOUR STARS

<b>Aries</b> (March 20 - April 18) YOU should not take everything quite so seriously. Relax, but do not think that means doing absolutely nothing. If you think you are the only one who matters you will quickly be proved wrong. Be hopeful.	<b>Cancer</b> (June 21 - July 21) Do your best not to take sides in a quarrel between two friends: try to stay impartial. You will be able to do something to widen your culture interests and should do so. Avoid drinking to excess. Be consistent.	<b>Libra</b> (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22) You should not shy away from doing something unpleasant that has to be done sooner or later: instead get on with it. You will be able to give your partner a little more too expensive treat. Avoid making a big nuisance of yourself. Be tactful.	<b>Capricorn</b> (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Make sure you do not give your partner an avoidable cause for complaint. Do not expect to have everything quite your own way. Keep your opinions a little more to yourself. Be judicious.
<b>Taurus</b> (April 19 - May 19) You will have a craving for sweet things which should be kept under control. Do not worry about something that will probably never happen. Show a little more kindness towards a friend of yours. Be brave.	<b>Leo</b> (July 22 - Aug. 21) Make sure you do not do anything that would be quite beyond your capacities but do try to overcome your limitations. Make sure you do not neglect any kind of infection. Beware of exceeding limits whether of speed or whatever. Be polite.	<b>Scorpio</b> (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Not everything will be to your liking, but you will know how to make the most of things. Something that has been puzzling you will now become clear. Take a little better care of your health. Be moderate.	<b>Aquarius</b> (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) You will have to be on your guard against giving offence to others. If you make a few concessions you will gain more than you give. Try to shorten the odds — do not just hope for the best. Be loyal.
<b>Gemini</b> (May 20 - June 20) Nothing will go quite the way you would have liked it to today, but you will be able to make the best of things. Make sure you are suitably dressed for the occasion. Avoid doing anything that might give offence. Be magnanimous.	<b>Virgo</b> (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21) Do not expect others always to do you a favour, return the compliment. Remember that if you are bored you are liable to be boring too. Avoid doing your own repairs unless you really know how, but do not neglect them altogether. Be abstinent.	<b>Sagittarius</b> (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) You will be reminded of something you had forgotten and should not be too proud to apologise. Your lucky numbers are 13 and 30. Do not think that just because someone else is wrong you are automatically right.	<b>Pisces</b> (Feb. 19 - March 19) Try to take your mind off work for the day. Make sure you do not do anything that would embarrass your partner. Avoid saying one thing and then doing another. Be less obstinate.





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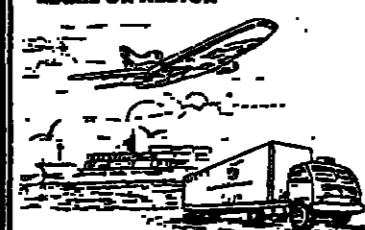
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## SPORTS



Ojie Olor (right) of Trico in action against RFM's Celso Estrada.



Manager of Pizza Italia, Chawki Barakat (3rd left) with KAPILKU officials.



Action shot from one of the basketball matches. (Photos by Amr Jaded and Ahmed Baroun)

# KPBC blast Magnolia to stay top

## Al Rashid Freight avenge defeat

By Gil Bangalan

THE Kheifan basketball gym was fully packed as hordes of Filipinos braved the searing summer heat to witness the game between the two favourite teams in the on-going KAPILKU sports festival, "Bisig ng Manggagawa '89," on Friday.

The crowd's expectation of a great fight between the vaunted KPBC quintet and the formidable Magnolia Ice Cream five seemed to be satisfied as the two teams showed their sizzling form early in the first ten minutes of the first half. Both teams refused to allow the other to surge ahead as they deadlocked the score four times, 13-13, then 15-15, and at 19-19.

The see-saw battle, however, started to fizzle out, when after 14 minutes of play, the KPBC quintet melted the defenses of the Magnolia Ice Cream with effective fastbreaks that saw them surge to a 10-points lead. The shock froze the Magnolia Ice Cream in their track and apparently failed to recover from the shock. Half-time score saw KPBC leading by 14 points, 53-39.

Magnolia tried to slow down the pace of the game when they resumed play for the second half, hoping to neutralise the fast-break onslaught of KPBC. The combination of Lindimas and Dela Cruz, however, kept the KPBC quintet up front.

Magnolia's woes were aggravated when Babiera had to be recalled after committing his third foul early in the second half. It was left to Reyes and Calaycay to keep Magnolia's firepower alive. San Buenaventura, who was playing for the first time with the Magnolia quintet, was sent in to propel the ebbing Magnolia machine.

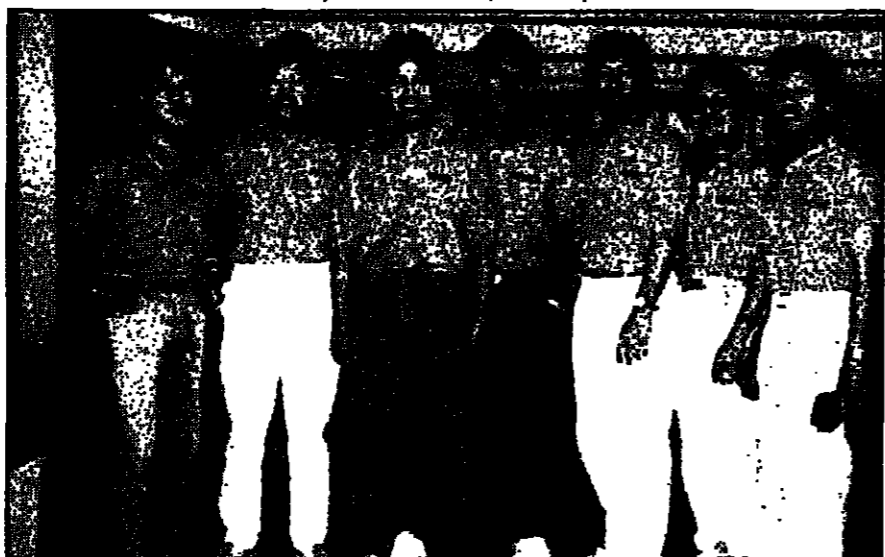
KPBC's Castro distinguished himself at the board as he kept Magnolia's Vargas and Zalavarría at bay. With only three minutes remaining in the game, KPBC's lead was whittled down to five points. Lindimas, Dela Cruz, and Perez sensing the threat rose to the occasion and broke Magnolia's rally with a series of fastbreak plays.

Two consecutive steals by Dela Cruz and Perez sealed the fate of the Magnolia Ice Cream. KPBC won 100-84 to capture the driver's seat in Group B, having all their four assignments so far.

Top scorers for KPBC were Lindimas - 29 points, Dela Cruz - 26 points, Castro - 16 points, and Perez - 14 points; while on the Magnolia side, Zalavarría



Jabriya: first runner-up in Group B.



FRM Design Studio: 3rd in Group B.

made 23 points, Reyes and San Buenaventura 14 points each, Arnan 11 points, while Babiera was limited to only 11 points.

Magnolia's defeat places them at the precarious edge of being eliminated from the tournament. Their hope to enter the semifinal round hinges on the result of the game between KPBC and EEI-Kamish Al Aryan on Tuesday. A win by EEI-Kamish will force a triple tie situation among the three teams, which will result in Magnolia's being forced out of the competition. KPBC, however, is favoured to maintain their undefeated record, and is deemed to have an edge over the EEI-Kamish man-for-man as well as statistically. If KPBC wins, then Magnolia can hope to advance into the next round and once more face their nemesis

KPBC.

In the ladies division, Magnolia's sister team Al Rashid Freight avenged their brother team's loss by defeating KPBC's sister team Greek House, 48-41. Al Rashid's win set the stage for their showdown with the Hatid Ligaya-Abugosh ladies for the final round, where they will play in a best-of-three series for the title. Greek House, on the other hand, will have to content themselves to play against the Durrani Exchange for the second-runner up position.

Top scorers for Al Rashid were Aida Santillan with 20 points, Bing 17 points, with Judy and Janet contributing 4 points apiece. For the Greek House Bernabe scored 18 points, Goode 13 points, with Almarino and Rosario sinking in 4 points each.

In the other games last Friday, EEI-Kamish routed Soft Rock Cafe, 112-81, for their third win against one loss. Barcelona led the scorers of EEI-Kamish with 38 points, followed by Dingson with 24 points, while Garcia and Lugo had 11 and 8 points each respectively. EEI-Kamish shares the second position with Magnolia in their group.

In Group A, Al Rashid Supermarket clobbered Dollarco Exchange, 107-86, for their fourth straight win, and maintained their supremacy in the group. With their victory Al Rashid virtually qualifies for the semifinal round. Still in Group A, Kay & Associates' hope for a berth in the next round was rekindled when they defeated the Kuwait International Hotel, 94-70. Kay's victory came from the

unexpected sizzling form of Medrano, whose timely baskets kept his team up front all through the game.

With Dollarco's demise in the hands of Al Rashid, Kay & Associates' chances for a semifinal berth is virtually alive. Their chances, however, can still be spoiled by a Hatid-Ligaya win over RICSCO, and if they lose to Al Rashid. A triple-tie situation will then ensue among Kay, Dollarco, and Hatid-Ligaya, in which event the second berth will be decided by the points-for-and-points-against formula.

Kuwait Danish Dairy blasted ASCO, 82-57, and inched up the ladder in Group C, to keep their hopes alive for a shot in the semifinal round. They have to hurdle the opposition offered by Pampanga with whom they share

the second spot with identical 2-win-1-loss record. Their showdown is scheduled for Friday, July 14.

In Group D, Kuwait Regency Palace outpaced Los Compadres, 72-67, for their second win against one loss, and can still hope for a semifinal berth, if they win over leader SAS Hotel.

The last games in the elimination round are scheduled on July 12 and 14, at the Kheifan Gym. The top two teams in each group will advance to the semifinal round which is expected to start on July 21. In the Ladies Division,

the final round will start likewise on July 21.

**Pizza Italia All-star exhibition games**

The Pizza Italia chain, as earlier announced, is sponsoring an "All Star Basketball Exhibition Game" in conjunction with the on-going basketball competitions being held by the Filipino community in Kuwait. Pizza Italia's decision to stage and sponsor the exhibition game is a fitting tribute to the Filipinos' love for sports and a manifestation of Pizza Italia management's recognition of the valuable role that sports and recreation contribute to their employees' morale.

As a matter of fact, Pizza Italia, which employs a number of Filipinos in their chain of Pizza outlets in Kuwait, has been an active participant in the yearly sports activities of the Filipino community in Kuwait.

For the "All Star Games," the lucky 30 players will be selected from among the top players for the 22 teams which are participating in the current KAPILKU basketball tournament. Selection will be based on the overall performance of the players in terms of their shooting skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

The 30 players will then be divided into two teams, forming a Red and a Green team, representing Pizza Italia's corporate colours. The names of the lucky 30 players will be subsequently published as soon as the committee has finalised their selection.

An added attraction during the extravaganza is the "3-Point Area Shooting Competition," which is expected to feature the 3-point ace shooters from all the teams. And to top it all, the "Ladies One-on-One" competition surely will attract the most interest and excitement. The mechanics, rules, as well as the final line-ups for these two "special added attractions" will be likewise published in the succeeding days.

Beside the entertainment that the exhibition games are expected to generate, the lucky players have valuable prizes in store for them, courtesy of the sponsoring Pizza Italia.

—Standings—

Men's Division

Group A	GP	W	L
Al Rashid Supermarket	4	4	0
Kay & Associates	4	3	1
Dollarco Exchange	4	3	1
Hatid Ligaya-Abugosh	4	2	2
RICSCO	3	0	3
Kwt International Hotel	4	0	4
Group B			
KPBC	4	4	0
Magnolia Ice Cream	4	3	1
EEI-Kamish Al Aryan	4	3	1
Nissan Al Babbain	4	1	3
Soft Rock Cafe	4	1	3
Pizza Italia	4	0	4
Group C			
Woodgroup Engineering	2	2	0
Kwt Danish Dairy	3	2	1
Pampanga	3	2	1
ASCO	3	1	2
KALEXCO	3	0	3
Group D			
SAS Hotel	3	3	0
Kwt Regency Palace	3	2	1
Los Compadres	3	1	2
Kuwait Hotels Co.	3	1	2
Sony	2	0	2

Ladies Division

Hatid Ligaya-Abugosh	2	2	0
Al Rashid Freight	3	2	1
Greek House	3	1	2
Durrani Exchange	2	0	2

Schedule of games

Wednesday, July 12, 1989

8.00 A	Kwt Int. Hotel	vs	RICSCO
9.30 B	Pizza Italia	vs	Soft Rock Cafe
11.00 C	Woodgroup	vs	ASCO
12.30 D	Sony	vs	Los Compadres
2.00 A	Al Rashid	vs	Kay & Asso.
3.30 VL	FCC Shell	vs	Greek House
4.30 L	Durrani Exch	vs	Hatid Ligaya
6.00 B	KPBC	vs	EEI-Kamish

Friday, July 14, 1989

8.00 C	KALEXCO	vs	Woodgroup Eng
9.30 D	Kwt Hotels Co.	vs	Sony
11.00 A	RICSCO	vs	Hatid Ligaya
12.30 B	Magnolia IC	vs	Nissan Al Babbain
2.00 D	SAS Hotel	vs	Kwt Reg Palace
3.30 C	Pampanga	vs	Kwt Danish Dairy
5.00 VL	Greek House	vs	Hatid Ligaya
6.00 VL	Durrani Exch.	vs	Al Rashid Freight



The bowling champions: Hatid Ligaya



Dodie Bautista of Trico aims at the bowling pins.

# Hatid Ligaya overcome Magnolia to capture bowling title

By Sonny Mariano

ON the final day of the Palarong Pilipino bowling competition-men's division, Abughosh Hatid Ligaya and Trico Int'l. ended their campaign for the championship on a bright note by bagging the title at stake in their respective groups.

It was not an easy task though, for both titlist for the road to their crowning glory were made rough and tough by the challenge offered by the other equally strong teams vying for the top honours.

After the single round robin elimination round, the top three teams from Groups A and B have to

battle it out in the step ladder finals to determine the champions.

In Group B the first match was between Trico Int'l., and FRM Design Studio. Both teams were playing on even terms till the seventh frame but the designers who missed the services of their skipper succumbed to the pressure to give Trico a shot for the title against the top ranked Jabriyah club. Jabriyah who also failed to field in one of their top player due to injury gave Trico a good fight but it was clear that the shippers can't be denied of the title as they pulled away from Jabriyah in the last few frames. The most outstanding player for Trico for the

final games they played was Roger Pacheco who scored 164 ind 213 pinfalls.

And finally the much awaited matches in Group A followed. The opening game fitted the Magnolia Ice Cream makers against the Alghanim Freight Movers.

Until the fourth of the match, the two teams are dead even but Magnolia slowly inched its way into the drivers seat courtesy of Jun Manalo's four consecutive strikes. Alghanim in their hope to catch up gave everything they've got but their effort fell short as the Ice Cream Makers went on to win their ticket to

the final match this time against the defending champions and top qualifier Abughosh Hatid Ligaya forwarders.

Magnolia with momentum on their side took the initiative and led for most part of the game and just as when everyone in the gallery thought that it was all over for Abughosh, Manny Inserto dished out a double strike to give his team the upper hand going into the last two frames.

It proved to be the turning point of the game as the other forwarders led by Mar Evangelista responded to the teams' last minute rally. At

this point Magnolia's effort to move back into contention once again proved futile and Abughosh went home successful in their title retention bid.

Members of the champion team and runner's up are as follows:

**Group A**  
Abughosh Hatid Ligaya — Champion  
Mar Evangelista, Manny Inserto, Rudy Zablan, Jun Cheng, Roger Sabado, Nonoy Maramba, and Will Sabay.

**Magnolia** — first runner-up  
Victoria Paras, Edwin Nepomuceno, Jun Manalo, Benie

Guimoy, Mars Balisi, Carl Baginda and Joe Bilog.  
Alghanim freight — second runner-up

Rico Pino, Art Reyes, JVC, Wally Flores, Pete Nierva, Madz Garcia and Jimmy Tadena

**Group B**  
Trico — champion  
Dodie Bautista, Ojie Olor, Tony Lopez, Roger Pacheco, Rodol Gregorio, Mel Serbera and George Gaertan.

**Jabriya** — First runner-up  
Louie Manuel, Manny Regalario, Caloy Abesamis, Joel Laron, Rod Dulay, Demie Nardo

and Romy Andres.  
FRM Design Studio — second runner-up

Klin Mariano, Sonny Mariano, Ding Celeste, Egay Cruz, Rene Militante, Bong Pagutayao, Toto Abear and Celso Estrada.

On behalf of KAPK, the Philippine Bowling Association in Kuwait (PBAK) extends its heartfelt gratitude and thanks to all the sponsors, the players, members of the organizing committee and everybody who in one way or another have helped in making this years. Palarong Pilipino bowling event a successful one.

# Shoemaker to make his final ride next year

LOS ANGELES, July 8, (Reuters): Willie Shoemaker, the most successful jockey in the history of horse racing, will make his final ride before retiring next February 4 at Santa Anita park near here.

The 57-year-old Shoemaker, who made his first ride on March 19, 1949, in San

Francisco, is on a farewell world tour of more than 20 countries in Europe, Asia and North America.

Track officials said Shoemaker's decision to retire early next year lets him extend his career to its sixth decade.

To date, the rider known to fans as "The

Shoe" has won 8,807 races — some 1,500 clear of nearest rival Laffit Pincay Jr. — and generated more than \$120 million in purses for his mounts' owners. Of these wins, 2,542 have come at Santa Anita Park, including 321 stakes races.

Shoemaker, who rode four Kentucky

Derby winners and guided Ferdinand to victory in the \$3 million Breeders' Cup Classic in 1987, has said he plans to begin his own racing stable after retirement.

Santa Anita said Shoemaker's last ride is expected to be broadcast on "major television networks around the world."

# Aouita crushes Rono in mile

Steve Lewis suffers rare defeat



Aouita: scores easy victory

EDINBURGH, July 8, (Reuters): Said Aouita struck with characteristic cunning to crush Olympic champion Peter Rono over a mile at the Edinburgh Grand Prix Athletics Meeting yesterday.

Multi-world record-holder Aouita produced a textbook performance to sweep past Kenyan Joseph Cheshire off the final bend and then withstood Rono's late surge to win in three minutes 58.53 seconds.

The Moroccan, whose late and ultimately fruitless bid to switch to the Dream Mile in Oslo last weekend attracted sharp criticism, played a superb waiting game as Kenyan Rono and Briton John Gladwin took up the running at the bell.

Cheshire came from way back to hit the front 150 metres from home. But Aouita followed him through and pummed in the closing straight to win comfortably with Rono second in 3:58.80 and Cheshire third in 3:59.80, and Cheshire third in 3:59.16.

Olympic champion Steve Lewis slumped to a rare defeat in the men's 400 metres when he lost in the last three strides to fellow-

American Tom Simon. Lewis looked sluggish at the start but shifted up a gear in the back straight to come off the final bend with a commanding advantage.

But running into a slight headwind, Lewis tired visibly in the closing 50 metres and allowed Simon, the American national champion in 1988, to claw his way back into contention and snatch victory on the line.

Briton Tom McKean warmed the crowd on a cold, blustery night by striking off the final bend to provide a memorable home victory in the men's 800 metres.

The fast-finishing Scot, disqualified in the Seoul Games semifinals for barging his way through, swept past American Johnny Gray in the home straight to beat a top-class field in 1:45.41.

New Kenyan discovery Robert Kibet failed to show in a race towed through the bell in a blistering 49.33 seconds by American Dave Patrick.

Gray, the fastest man in the world this year, picked up the pace with 200 to go when Patrick dropped out but had no answer

to McKean's storming finish which brought the crowd to its feet.

All the athletes complained of the cold.

Aouita, the 800 metres Olympic bronze medalist from the Seoul Games and world champion over 5,000 said the conditions had aggravated his hamstring problem and he was returning to the warmth of Morocco immediately to recuperate.

Olympic silver medalist Linford Christie blamed the cold for failing to capture the rarely-run 150 metres world best. He won comfortably in 15.24 seconds but never threatened Italian Pietro Mennea's six-year-old mark of 14.8.

Twice Olympic Roger Kingdom powered over the last three hurdles to continue his reign of supremacy over twice world champion Greg Foster.

Foster led for the first half of the high hurdles clash but Kingdom hit back with one of his characteristic late charges to win in 13.31. Foster was second in 13.33 and afterwards Kingdom said he hoped to break the world record within the next three weeks.

## First round of football supplemental draft over

NEW YORK, July 8, (AP): The Dallas Cowboys, who are paying Troy Aikman more than \$11 million for the next six years, drafted another rookie quarterback in Steve Walsh and said yesterday they have no intention of trading him.

"We did not make this pick thinking trade," said Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson, who coached Walsh when he quarterbacked the University of Miami to a 23-1 record the last two years.

Walsh was taken in the first round of yesterday's NFL supplemental draft, which means Dallas gave up its first-round pick in the regular 1990 draft to get him.

Eight other teams with six or fewer wins last season passed on the other top players available before quarterback Tim Lincecum was selected by the Phoenix Cardinals and running back Bobby Humphrey by the Denver Broncos.

If the Cowboys decide to keep Aikman and Walsh, they will have two of college football's best quarterbacks, but they also will have to reopen their chequebook.

"If they want me to compete on an equal scale with Troy, compensation will have to be somewhat similar," Walsh said. "It's the only way to be fair to my career and Troy's career."

Walsh said his familiarity with Johnson can only help him with the Cowboys.

"I think it's definitely an edge coming from the system I played in," Walsh said. "Coming out of college football and to go and be on the team with your ex-coach and all the assistants, it's a good atmosphere."

Green Bay, Detroit, Kansas City, Atlanta, Tampa Bay, Pittsburgh, San Diego and Miami all passed in the first round, opting to keep their 1990 first-round picks. The Packers, Chiefs and Chargers are weak at quarterback, while Detroit, Tampa Bay and Pittsburgh have unproven young passers.

The two quarterbacks and Humphrey were the only prime players of the 12 eligible for the supplemental draft. Running back Mike Loman of Coffeyville Junior College was taken by Dallas in the 12th round.

The NFL did not release the order of selection by the first nine teams, which means it is not known how many, if any, teams passed on Walsh before Dallas took him.

## Soviet players

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, July 8, (AP): For every goal that Viacheslav Fetisov scores for the New Jersey Devils, give an assist to Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

"If it wasn't for glasnost and Gorbachev, this wouldn't be happening right now," Fetisov said through an interpreter yesterday as the Devils introduced their latest acquisitions. Fetisov and defenseman Sergei Starikov, his former Central Red Army team-mate.

## Paraguay reach final round

# Colombia hold Brazil to 0-0 draw

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 8, (Reuters): Brazil were held to a 0-0 draw by Colombia yesterday and must wait until their last qualifying match for a possible ticket to the final round of the South American Soccer Championship.

The lack of goals belied the quality and excitement of the Group One clash, which was played in a rainstorm in the second half in front of a crowd of 20,000 at Salvador's Fonte Nova Stadium.

The draw left Brazil in second place with four points, two less than Paraguay, who earlier became the first team to qualify for the final round when they beat Venezuela 3-0.

Colombia, a point further back, meet Peru and Brazil face Paraguay in the remaining group matches in Recife on Monday.

Brazil, stung by recent criticism from their fans, took the game to Colombia and the Colombians replied with some incisive counterattacks.

The Brazilians looked uncomfortable with the tactics of new coach Sebastiao Lazaroni, who coached his midfield. With an extra forward in Bebeto after the break they gained in punch.

Colombia's colourful goalkeeper, Rene Higuita, cut out more than one Brazilian attack by advancing almost to the halfway line. But he also nearly gave away a goal when he mis-kicked to Bebeto and only just got back on his line in time to save the Brazilian striker's lob.

Gustavo Neffa, Paraguay's 17-year-old striker, opened the scoring five minutes before half-time with his second goal of the tournament. Veteran forward

Buenaventura Ferreira added further goals in the 49th and 72nd minutes.

Venezuela bowed out of the Copa America with one point from a 1-1 draw with Peru in four matches. It was their first point in the South American Championship since they first took part in 1967.

Carlos Maldonado, who scored Venezuela's four goals, is the tournament's leading scorer.

Standings	
Group One	
Paraguay	3 3 0 0 9 2 6
Brazil	3 1 2 0 3 1 4
Colombia	3 1 1 1 4 3 3
Peru	3 0 2 1 3 6 2
Venezuela	4 0 1 3 4 11 1

Group Two	
Paraguay	2 3 1 0 3 9 2 6
Brazil	2 1 1 0 3 1 3
Colombia	2 1 0 1 4 3 2
Peru	3 0 2 1 3 6 2
Venezuela	4 0 1 3 4 11 1

# Auckland trounce Argentina

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, July 8, (Reuters): Auckland scored 10 tries today, completely outclassing Argentina 61-6 in the third match of the tourists' nine-match rugby union tour of New Zealand.

Argentina went to Eden park with a hard-earned reputation as powerful scrummagers.

But from the time they were pushed off the first scrum, the Pumas had no reply to an awesome performance by Auckland who boast seven of the All Blacks side to meet Argentina in the first Test next Saturday.

Exciting fullback Matthew Ridge and halfback Brett ITI each collected three tries in Argentines' first tour loss, but it was a collective effort which provided six tries before half-time.

Auckland amassed 37 points in that period and would have racked up an even greater winning margin but for a quiet first 20 minutes of the second half.

The match's scoring started after just five minutes, when Ridge scored from a blind side move. This was converted by Auckland's All Black fly half

Grant Fox, who went on to convert eight more tries and score a penalty goal for personal tally of 21 points.

Auckland piled on 25 points in the second 20 minutes of the first half, totally dominating both set pieces and the loose.

Argentina's only consolation was a late try to flanker Pablo di Nisio who barged over near the posts.

Teams: ARGENTINA - Alejandro Scolini, Diego Cuesta Silva, Christian Mendy (Marcelo Righentini), Marcelo Loffreda (captain), Fabian Turres, Rafael Madero, Daniel Baetti Joaquin Uriarte, Pablo di Nisio, Pablo Buabse, Alejandro Iachetti, Pablo Garretton, Diego Cash, Juan Angelillo, Serafin Dengra.

AUCKLAND: Matthew Ridge, Terry Wright, Joe Stanley, John Kirwan, Bernie McCahill, Grant Fox, Brett ITI, Zinzan Brooke, Alan Whetton, Gary Whetton (Captain), Martin Brooke, Michael Jones, Peter Fatiafofa, Olo Brown, Mike Dowd.

## Zabrodsky and Kim win titles

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, July 8, (AP): Soo Nyung Kim, the South Korean Olympic gold medalist, and Stanislav Zabrodsky of the Soviet Union yesterday won titles in the World Archery Championships.

The 18-year-old Kim, who holds all individual world records for women, turned in a perfect nine-arrow score of 90 over 30 metres for a four-distance winning total of 338.

Zabrodsky's total was 332, just one point ahead of three other competitors. Second place went to Britain's Steven Hallard after a three-way shoot-off.

Kim, whose score included 20 tens and 12 nines, had dominated throughout the qualifying rounds.

# Essex stay top of county cricket table

Rain thwarts Lancashire's bid to close gap

LONDON, July 8, (Agencies): Essex, though robbed of victory by the rain, remained top of the county cricket championship table yesterday, as the elements kept other front-runners at bay.

Essex leads on 158 points from Lancashire (135), Northamptonshire (134), and Worcestershire (124).

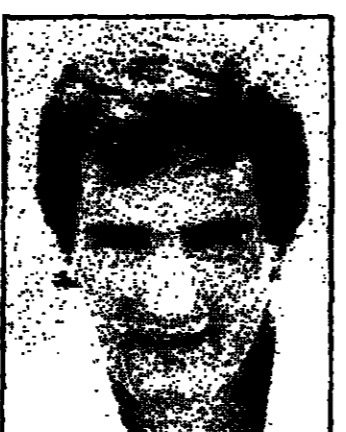
Lancashire's bid to close the gap was thwarted as rain and bad light reduced the day's play against Leicestershire at Grace Road to just 22 overs.

After the 17 overs possible before tea and five after, Leicestershire was 133 adrift on 91 for two.

Tim Boon finished unbeaten on 44, despite suffering the shock of seeing his bat split in half when he tried to pull Pat Patterson through mid-wicket.

At Derby, Essex briefly sensed victory when it took two cheap wickets after a frustrating morning in the pavilion.

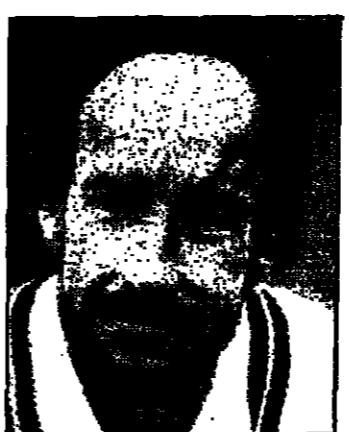
Derbyshire's Chris Gladwin was leg before padding up to John Childs for one, and Ian Redpath was out for his second duck of the match when he was caught at second slip off acting captain Derek Pringle.



Tim Boon



Peter Bowler



Grahame Clinton

With Derbyshire on 114 for five and only 12 runs in front, opener Peter Bowler — who had battled his way to an unbeaten 56 in murky light — was the only man standing in Essex's way when the rain returned to wash away lingering hopes of a win.

Grahame Clinton survived a dropped catch in the third over to score a cautious 65 to help Surrey salvage a rain-affected draw against Nottinghamshire at Guildford.

There was no play possible at Maidstone, where Northamp-

tonshire had to settle for the draw after looking set for victory over Kent.

Worcestershire's clash with Warwickshire at New Road saw play abandoned at lunch.

Results: Match drawn. Nottinghamshire 475 for eight declared in 110 overs. Surrey 275 in 101.5 overs and 146 for one (G. Clinton 65, D. Bicknell 59 not out). Surrey five points, Nottinghamshire eight.

At Leicester: Leicestershire v Lancashire — match abandoned

as a draw. Lancashire 411 for nine declared in 99.3 overs. Leicestershire 187 in 71.4 overs and 91 for two (T. Boon 44 not out). Leicestershire five points, Lancashire eight.

At Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Sussex — match abandoned as a draw. Gloucestershire 399 for nine declared in 141.3 overs. Sussex 232 in 78.2 overs and 21 for no wicket. Gloucestershire seven points, Sussex three.

At Derby: Derbyshire v Essex — match abandoned as a draw. Derbyshire 191 in 85.2 overs.

Derbyshire five points, Essex seven.

At Maidstone: Kent v Northamptonshire — match abandoned as a draw. Kent 156 in 42.4 overs and 191 for two (R. Pinnar 77 not out). Northamptonshire 378 in 105.5 overs. Kent four points, Northamptonshire eight.

At Worcester: Worcestershire v Warwickshire — match abandoned as a draw. Warwickshire 265 in 87.2 overs and 47 for no wicket. Worcestershire 232 in 82.5 overs. Worcestershire six points, Warwickshire seven.

Standings	
English County Championship	
cricket table after matches ending yesterday (tablets under played, won, lost, drawn, batting bonus points, bowling bonus points, points)	
Essex	116 0 5 28 34 158
Lancashire	124 1 7 33 38 135
Northants	124 3 5 28 42 134
Worcester	114 2 5 19 41 124
Middlesex	104 2 4 19 38 121
Hampshire	113 3 5 27 33 108
Surrey	123 4 7 28 38 98
Leicester	112 4 7 33 37 92
Notts	122 3 7 27 32 91
Gloucester	112 6 3 17 39 88
Yorkshire	122 2 6 22 33 87
Glamorgan	112 2 0 20 30 82
Somerset	112 2 7 26 24 82
Sussex	111 3 7 26 29 71
Kent	110 4 7 21 42 71
Warwickshire	110 1 3 15 32 63
Derbyshire	110 1 3 15 32 63

## Angels tame Twins

Rangers stop Athletics

NEW YORK, July 8, (AP): Bert Blyleven pitched a seven-hitter last night to lead the California Angels to a 5-2 victory over his old friend and teammate Frank Viola and the Minnesota Twins.

Blyleven pitched seven scoreless innings last time but Viola and Minnesota won 2-1.

"I couldn't let him get two-up on me. He would have never let me hear the end of it," Blyleven said. "I definitely wasn't as emotional as the last time in Minnesota." This is my home now and I felt comfortable. I think I had better location this time.

The victory moved the Angels back into first place in the American League West, one-half game ahead of Oakland, which lost to Texas 6-3.

Rangers 6, Athletics 3. Bobby Witt held the Oakland Athletics to four hits in seven-plus innings, newcomer Jack Daugherty drove in the go-ahead run with a seventh-inning sacrifice fly and Ruben Sierra hit a three-run homer.

The Rangers broke a 1-1 tie with two runs in the top of the seventh off Storm Davis, who lost for only the second time in 14 career decisions against Texas but it was enough to knock the

A's out of first place in the AL West.

Royals 4, White Sox 2. Frank White's RBI double snapped a sixth-inning tie as Kansas City handed Chicago its fourth straight loss. Terry Leach yielded five hits in seven innings to win his first American League start.

Losers Richard Dotson allowed six hits and all four Kansas City runs in 5-1-3 innings. Brewers 6, Orioles 4.

Joey Meyer, just back from the minors, triggered Milwaukee's five-run third inning with a leadoff homer off newly recalled Pete Harnisch.

Robin Yount also homered. Greg Brock hit a two-run single and Paul Molitor added three singles.

Results

American League	
Toronto	6 Detroit 4
Boston	6 New York 4
Milwaukee	6 Baltimore 4
Kansas City	4 Chicago 2
California	4 Minnesota 2
Cleveland	4 Seattle 3
Texas	6 Oakland 3

National League	
Chicago	6 Los Angeles 4
New York	7 Cincinnati 0
Pittsburgh	3 San Diego 0
Atlanta	5 Philadelphia 3
St Louis	6 San Francisco 4
Montreal	11 Houston 8

## Koch takes foil gold

DENVER, Colo., July 8, (Reuters): Alexander Koch of West Germany, the 1988 junior world foil champion, moved up to the senior ranks without breaking strides as he won the gold medal in men's foil at the World Fencing Championships yesterday.

The 20-year-old Koch, who waded through a field of more than 100 foil fencers in two days of preliminaries and elimination bouts, defeated Philippe Omnes of France 12-11 at six minutes 29 seconds into the 10-minute final.

Omnes led by touch or two throughout the tightly contested final only to see Koch repeatedly close to tie. Koch took the lead for the first time in the bout at 11-10.

"It will be a while yet before the full impact of this win really hits me," Koch said. "It was a tough bout even though I fenced him three times already during these championships (in earlier rounds) and felt I'd pretty well figured out his style. Omnes is one very tough competitor."

Omnes, 29, said it was a bout that could have gone either way. "We're both equal in strength and ability. It was a good, hard workout for both of us."

Maurizio Numa of Italy took the bronze medal by defeating Joachim Wendt of Austria 11-9.

The remaining four men's finalists were, in their order of finish: Dimitri Chechenko of the Soviet Union, Thorsten Weidner of West Germany's Udo Wagner of East Germany, and Lazzek Bandach of Poland.

The 11-day championships was to continue today with the men's individual sabre finals.

## Bush honours Little League

WASHINGTON, July 8, (AP): President George Bush, former baseball coach, took time out yesterday from preparing for his trip to Europe to talk baseball with 4,000 Little Leaguers.

"In Little League all that matters is the size of your heart and of your dreams," he said to the children.

The purpose was to mark the founding of Little League 50 years ago in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.



Lions' Ieuan Evans (left) waiting to help out as Rory Underwood is collared by Australia's David Campese (right).

## Fighting Lions win 2nd Test

BRISBANE, Australia, July 8, (Reuters): The British Lions scored two tries in the dying stages of the second rugby union Test match to snatch a torrid 19-12 victory over Australia today.

With five minutes remaining the Lions were 12-9 down and heading for their first ever series defeat by the Wallabies, who won the first Test 30-12 last Saturday.

But relentless pressure from the vastly superior Lions pack finally took its toll on the Australian defence, allowing the touring side's backline to run the ball with authority for the first time in the series.

With the Australian defence stretched beyond endurance full-back Gavin Hastings went over in the corner to put the Lions in front for the first time in 155 minutes of Test rugby.

From the kick-off the Lions forwards again stormed the Wallabies line and centre Jeremy Guscott, playing only his second full international, picked up his

own grubber kick from 15 metres to score under the posts.

Flyhalf, Rob Andrew converted to take his personal tally to eight points. Andrew took over from Hastings who had another poor kicking day, claiming only one penalty from three attempts.

Michael Lynagh, once again Australia's top performer, also kicked eight points to become only the second man after Argentina's Hugo Porta to score 400 points in Test rugby.

Fullback Greg Martin claimed Australia's other points with an early try.

The Lions victory was built on a ruthless performance by the pack who were fired by the return of flanker Mike Teague and an inspirational display by number eight Dean Richards.

But this ruthlessness slipped out of control in the early stages when the Lions seemed intent on stamping their authority, leaving several Wallabies (tenderised) by their attentions.

Five Australians were sporting bleeding head wounds at half-time.

Captain Nick Farr-Jones' shirt was soaked with blood after a stand-up fight with the Lions scrumhalf Robert Jones which triggered an all-in brawl between the two sides.

Lions prop David Young was lucky to stay on the field after he looked to stamp deliberately on the face of an Australian lying at the bottom of a ruck, an action which led Australian hooker Tom Lawton to pummel Young to the ground.

Lions captain Finlay Calder said: "It was a great effort mentally. We knew that player-for-player we were good enough but having been beaten last week we had to have the mental approach right."

On the fighting, Calder said: "We were not ruthless — just committed and clinical. Rugby is a contact sport."

The final Test is in Sydney on July 15.

## New England rugby chief warns players

LONDON, July 8, (Reuters): Sandy Sanders started his term as president of the English Rugby Football Union (RFU) yesterday by calling on England's international players to cope with provocation and avoid brawling.

The former England player, who went on to become chairman of the selectors, said at the RFU annual meeting in London that England internationals could expect constant provocation from opponents.

"Everyone seems to have a special need to beat England for things which have nothing to do with rugby football," he said.

"Our men therefore have a hard time, but it is a measure of their character to be able to cope with such provocations. We must stop the spectre of grown men behaving immaturely."

"We all know that the brief explosions

# Becker surprises Lendl to reach final

## Women's Wimbledon final postponed

WIMBLEDON, England, July 8, (UPI): West German Boris Becker turned Ivan Lendl's Wimbledon dream into a nightmare for the third time today, defeating the Czechoslovak world No. 1 in a five-set thriller to set-up a repeat of last year's final against defending champion Stefan Edberg.

Becker, champion in 1985 and 1986, recovered from a service break in the fourth set to win 7-5 (6-7) (2-7), 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 in a rain-delayed semifinal.

Swedish title-holder Edberg

qualified Friday with a straight-sets victory over fifth-seeded American John McEnroe.

Lendl could only shake his head in sorrow as Becker again foiled his bid to add a first-ever Wimbledon crown to his seven Grand Slam titles. Two of his previous nine attempts had been derailed by Becker. The 21-year-old West German upset Lendl in the 1986 final and also ousted the American-based Czechoslovak in last year's semi.

The 29-year-old world champion had every chance of scoring

his first success on grass against Becker in a match which lasted one minute over four hours of actual playing time, plus a 73-minute stoppage for rain in the third set.

Becker seemed on his way out when Lendl led two sets to one and was a break up at 3-2 in the fourth. But Lendl's nerves failed him when he needed it most. Just like Becker had done before him, the Czechoslovak lost his serve on a double fault.

It was all the encouragement Becker needed. Exploding back-

hand winners with ruthless efficiency, he evened out the match by taking the set 6-4 on his fourth break point.

Becker's momentum began to carry him towards total dominance in the deciding set.

The two-time champion scored a break of Lendl in the crucial fourth game as the jittery Czechoslovak double-faulted for 1-3.

Lendl's double fault came after he had disputed a forehand return from Becker which he thought landed over the baseline.

The Czechoslovak, annoyed over earlier rulings against him, marched over to Brazilian umpire Paulo Pereira. "That's the third time in three games," he told him, "I'm having a hard enough time to make it so difficult for me. It's indescribable."

Both men held serve out to 5-3 for Becker, but hopes were running out for the frustrated Lendl.

Becker boomed out an ace and a winner in his two serves of the ninth game while going for the match and wrapped up his fourth

Wimbledon final in five years with a forehand winner past Lendl's outstretched racket.

Meanwhile, the Wimbledon women's final between defending champion Steffi Graf and eight-time winner Martina Navratilova was postponed yesterday.

The match, a repeat of last year's final, had already been put back for several hours to accommodate a men's semifinal postponed from Friday because of rain.

## Prost takes GP pole

LE CASTELLET, France, July 8, (Reuters): Little more than 24 hours after announcing his impending departure from McLaren, Alain Prost proved his motivation had not suffered by seizing pole position today for tomorrow's French Grand Prix.

The twice former world champion, who recovered after puncturing his right rear tyre early in the session, replaced his teammate and rival Brazilian Ayrton Senna at the front of the grid.

The Frenchman clocked his fastest time in the final qualifying session of one minute and 7.203 seconds with only 12 minutes remaining.

"After yesterday's announcement it was important for me

to demonstrate my motivation for the team was the same," said Prost. "Not different at all."

"It is not often I win pole twice in succession and of course it is very nice to do it here for the French public and for myself."

Prost will share the front row of the grid for tomorrow's race with Senna who had looked set to claim the 35th pole of his career for much of the session until the Frenchman intervened.

Senna, who held the provisional pole after yesterday's opening qualifying session, was quickly overhauled by Briton Nigel Mansell early on, but came back to outpace the Ferrari driver with a time of 1:07.228.

## Australia score 391 for seven

## Jones continues to frustrate England

BIRMINGHAM, England, July 8, (Reuters): Australia were 391 for seven in their first innings at the close to the rain-hit third day of the third cricket Test against England at Edgbaston today.

Australian century-maker Dean Jones continued to frustrate England as rain again restricted play.

Jones, who had made 101 of the overnight 294 for six, moved to 141 not out and, with effective support from Trevor Hobbs who hit 40, carried Australia to a good total before light rain forced the players off.

Rain, which restricted play to 67 minutes on the second day, delayed the start for four hours on the third.

However, England quickly started to make up for lost time by breaking through after 12 deliveries.

Graham Dilley, with the last ball of his opening over, had Merv Hughes comfortably caught at second slip by Ian Botham for two.

Subsequently, Dilley produced a few short deliveries outside off stump which Jones on two occasions dispatched for

four, while England compounded their frustration by conceding seven leg byes from another Dilley delivery.

The ball bounced off Hobbs's thigh to fine leg from where John Emburey's return skidded past wicketkeeper Jack Russell, wide of the stumps at the non-striker's end and trickled over the long-off boundary.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings (overnight 294 for six)

G. Marsh lbw b Botham 42

M. Taylor st Russell b Emburey 43

D. Boon run out 38

A. Border b Emburey 8

D. Jones not out 141

S. Waugh b Fraser 43

I. Healy b Fraser 2

M. Hughes c Botham b Dilley 2

T. Hobbs not out 40

Extras (lb-20 nb-12) 32

Total (for seven wickets) 391 close

Fall of wickets: 1-88 2-94 3-105 4-201 5-272 6-289 7-298

To bat: G. Lawson, T. Alderman, Bowling to date: 25-2-103-1, Jarvis 20-4-82-0, Fraser 27-7-50-2, Botham 28-5-75-1, Emburey 29-5-61-2

England: G. Gooch, T. Curtis, K. Barnett, C. Tavaré, D. Gower, I. Botham, J. Russell, J. Emburey, A. Fraser, G. Dilley, P. Jarvis.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Nashwan powers to easy victory

LONDON, July 8, (Reuters): Derby winner and 5-2 odds-on favourite Nashwan underlined his brilliance by powering to a five-length win in the £250,000 (540,000) Eclipse Stakes at Sandown today. Ridden by Willie Carson, the three-year-old shrugged off the effects of a poisoned foot which earlier in the week had threatened to keep him out of the race and took control in the final two furlongs of the 10-furlong course.

### Maradona slams S. American referees

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 8, (Reuters): Referees in the South American Soccer Championship are whistle happy and try to steal the limelight, Diego Maradona was reported to have said today. "In Europe they don't (indulge in) so many theatrics with a whistle in the mouth," a Rio de Janeiro newspaper quoted Maradona as saying.

### McNulty wins Monaco Open

MONTE CARLO, July 8, (Reuters): Zimbabwe's Mark McNulty emerged from the mists of Mont Agel today an emphatic six strokes winner of the Monte Carlo Open. Low cloud swirling in off the mountains behind the principality reduced visibility to a few yards at times and kept McNulty on the course almost six hours.

### De Wilde triumphs in Tour sprint

BORDEAUX, France, July 8, (Reuters): Etienne de Wilde of Belgium won the seventh stage of the Tour de France today, the first victory by a sprint specialist in this year's race. De Wilde was in a group of five riders who made a break 2,500 metres from the finish of the 258.5-km stage from Poitiers, the second longest of the tour.

### Crafter and Sanders share lead

TOLEDO, Ohio, July 8, (Reuters): Australia's Jane Crafter and Susan Sanders matched the heat of the day with some hot shooting to share the first-round lead at the \$275,000 Toledo Classic Golf tournament yesterday.

### Knox moves ahead in Hartford Open

CROMWELL, Conn., July 8, (Reuters): Kenny Knox carded a four-under-par 67 yesterday to break a logjam at the top and take sole possession of the lead after two rounds of the million-dollar Greater Hartford Open PGA golf tournament.

### Italian soccer fans jailed

FLORENCE, Italy, July 8, (Reuters): An Italian court jailed three soccer fans on Friday for a firebomb attack last month on a train carrying supporters of a rival club. Simone Aspidi was sentenced to seven years in jail and Maurizio Igneri and Domenico Secondo to six years each on charges of arson, the manufacture and use of incendiary material and damaging public transport.

### Soviets covered up soccer tragedy

MOSCOW, July 8, (Reuters): Up to 340 soccer fans were crushed to death at a 1982 international match in Moscow as a result of police incompetence, a Soviet newspaper said today. It said the authorities covered up the tragedy, which was similar to the soccer disaster in the British city of Sheffield in April when 95 people were trampled to death.

### Jockeys revolt in safety row

LONDON, July 8, (Reuters): Ex-champion Steve Cauthen and 10 other jockeys revolted at the northern track of Beverley after a thunderstorm last night. The jockeys had taken their mounts in the second race to the starting post when they decided that conditions were unsafe and returned to the parade ring without permission.

### Anti-apartheid campaigners in final effort

CARDIFF, Wales, July 8, (Reuters): British anti-apartheid campaigners announced a final effort to stop rugby players joining a controversial tour of South Africa next month. The anti-apartheid movement said it would warn players against taking part in matches celebrating the centenary of the South African Rugby Board.

### Brazilian players detained

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, July 8, (AP): Two Brazilian soccer players remained in detention today on charges of having kicked a referee unconscious during a match in a youth tournament, a police spokesman said. The incident occurred Friday night during a Stockholm Soccer Cup semifinal, the incident occurred between Brazil and Spanga IS, a local team.

### Puzar keeps his title hopes alive

KILLINCHY, Northern Ireland, July 8, (Reuters): Italian Alessandro Puzar kept his title hopes alive in the 125cc World Motocross Championship today by defeating a trio of Americans in the Irish Grand Prix at Killinichy, just outside Belfast.

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